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BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

It's hard to believe that 2024 is already over, but here we are on the second day of 2025. The past year brought plenty of both good and bad to Hancock County, and today, the Sea Coast Echo is looking back at the year's most-read stories, as selected by our readers each month at www.seacoastecho.com.

JANUARY

• 2024 got off to a rough start – the first recorded traffic fatality of 2024 in Hancock County happened little more than 30 minutes into the New Year.

At approximately 12:31 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to a fatal crash on Hwy. 607, in which a vehicle hit a pedestrian. MHP officials said that a 2018 Chevy Tahoe driven by Teuta Karaliu, a 38-year-old Slidell-resident, was traveling south on Hwy. 607 when it collided with a person walking in the middle of the road.

The decedent was Christopher Gray, 34 years of age, of Picayune. From the investigation, it appears Gray was in the center of the highway when he was



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At top left, The Daily Grind featured Mark Millwood and his new restaurant, That Boy Good. *At top right*, in June Heather Murphy and Eric Greer celebrated reunification with their children, Maci, Katelyn, Eric and Olivia after completing Hancock County's Family Treatment Court program. *At bottom left*, Hancock County mourned when Edward "Eddie" Favre, 69, died on Feb. 11. Favre served as the Bay St. Louis mayor for a record 20 years before retiring briefly, then going back into public service as the Hancock County Administrator in 2016. *At bottom right*, the Waveland Civic Association celebrated the 60th anniversary of its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Pictured is member Jerry West handing out a cabbage during the annual parade.

struck by the vehicle, officials said.

• Hancock County's own Mississippi Kween, Caroline Davis, made headlines by putting her internet fame to work and helping fulfill the holiday gift wishes of several South Hancock Elementary School students.

Before becoming a so-

cial media superstar, Davis spent 15 years in food service management, then switched to custodial management. Eventually, she got tired of working for others and started her own business, managing and cleaning Airbnb properties.

She started posting videos on TikTok in No-



vember 2020, then did her first cooking video in February 2021 and quickly went "viral."

Now she's a huge hit on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. Shortly after she became internet famous, a publisher reached out and she has now written and published three cookbooks.

And she wants to make sure she uses her social media reach to help those who need it the most.

"One thing I'd love to convey is what I live my life by 'If you have the means to help someone, you should help them,'" Davis said, "and that comes from a place of once being the one be-

NASA Exhibit Puts Visitors in Test Conductor Seat

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

NASA's Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, is helping the Artemis Generation learn how to power space dreams with an interactive exhibit at INFINITY Science Center.

The engine test simulator exhibit at the official visitor center of NASA Stennis provides the chance to experience the thrill of being a NASA test engineer by guiding an RS-25 engine through a simulated hot fire

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Qualifying begins today for Bay, Diamondhead municipal elections

BY GEOFF BELCHER
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Qualifying for the 2025 Bay St. Louis Diamondhead municipal elections begins today, Thursday, Jan. 2. The qualifying deadline is Jan. 31. The primary elections will be held April 1, and the general elections are scheduled for June 3.

The city of Waveland is not on the same election schedule because it was incorporated under a special charter.

All candidates for the offices of mayor and city council must meet the following requirements to qualify for office:

- Qualified elector (registered voter) of the State of Mississippi and in the municipality/ward

of the office for which the candidate seeks election.

- Any candidate for any municipal office shall be a resident of the municipality for two years immediately preceding the day of the

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VFW POST 2880 HONORS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Photo submitted
Teacher Of The Year presented to Amanda L. Pidgeon by VFW Post member Don Ball.

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Amanda L. Pidgeon of Hancock County High school was presented the VFW Post 2880 National Citizenship Education Teacher Award for 2024-

2025 at the annual VFW Christmas Banquet on 4 December 2024. Her selection will now go to VFW District One which covers all VFW Posts in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and George coun-

ties. District winners advance to the state level and from there to the National level. Winners at all levels receive cash awards and commemorative plaques. Amanda serves as Head of the English Department at Hancock High School. She holds a Master of Arts in English from Southern New Hampshire University where she graduated with a 3.93 GPA. She has been a guiding force, shaping the academic and personal growth of countless students in the county. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Amanda is deeply involved in the community. She has served as the United Way Representative for HHS and has been

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The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse is pleased to introduce you to 2025's new reigning court!! From left to right, Honor Guard Kim Salmon Hunt, Honor Guard Phil Hunt, Honor Guard Dalton Scott Carr, Honor Guard Robin Carr, Lady Claiborne V Stacey Prevost Maysonave, Captain Longbeard V Alan Ehrich, Honor Guard Lynn Davis, Honor Guard Wes Davis, Honor Guard Trudy Jonau Ehrich, Honor Guard Todd Maysonave, Honor Guard Ashley Bourgeois and Honor Guard Robbie Bourgeois.

Three men sentenced in NYE shootout that claimed life of Bay man

ECHO STAFF

District Attorney W. Crosby Parker announced Thursday, Dec. 12, that Latavion Bland, 23, Vincent Armstrong, 21, and Mario Clark, 26, all of Gulfport, were sentenced for their involvement in a shootout on Lewis Avenue that left four men dead and three others injured on the night of December 31, 2021, including Bay St. Louis resident Aubrey Lewis.

Bland previously pled guilty to an amended charge of Mayhem and was sentenced to five years to serve in the Mississippi Department of Corrections consecutive to a six-year sentence for an unrelated aggravated assault conviction. Armstrong pled guilty to an amended charge of Mayhem, an indicted charge of Shooting into a Motor Vehicle, and an unrelated charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute. Armstrong was sentenced to five years for his involvement in the NYE shootings and 20 years for the unrelated drug distribution charge. His sentences will run consecutively with one another for a total of 25 years, suspending 20 years, leaving five years to serve in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Upon his release from custody, Armstrong will be placed on five years of post-release supervision.

Clark pled guilty to an amended charge of Hindering Prosecution of a Felon and an unrelated charge of Felony Fleeing. Clark was sentenced to 10 years for his role in the NYE shootings and five years in the felony fleeing charge for a total of 15 years, which was suspended for time served, followed by five years of post-release supervision through MDOC. The three men have remained in custody since their guilty pleas on July 26, 2024.

After receiving reports on December 31, 2021, of multiple shots fired in the area of 1220 Lewis Avenue, the Gulfport Police Department responded to the scene and observed more than 100 spent shell casings in the roadway and a front lawn on Lewis Avenue and several houses and cars riddled with bullet holes on Lewis Avenue.

When police arrived, Nathaniel Harris, 52, Sedrick McCord, 28, Corey Dubose, 23, and Aubrey Lewis, 22, had all been shot and killed, and three others had sustained non-life threatening gunshot wounds.

The investigation revealed that a New Year's

Eve celebration was taking place at a home on Lewis Avenue. The party was originally attended by a group of older adults. However, during the hours leading up to midnight, a large group of younger individuals from one neighborhood arrived at the party, followed shortly by a large group of younger individuals from another neighborhood. In all, more than 100 young people would arrive at the party. Witnesses stated that tensions began to rise between the two groups as the night progressed.

Those tensions would come to a head minutes before midnight when Aubrey Lewis of Bay St. Louis became involved in a fist fight with Corey Dubose from Gulfport. The fight took place in the middle of Lewis Avenue, and resulted in the two falling on Sedrick McCord's car. Witnesses stated that McCord took exception to the two men fighting on the hood of his car, so McCord stepped out of the car and fired his pistol once into the air. Lewis and Dubose then simultaneously pulled their firearms and shot and killed each other. Isavian Preston, 26, of Gulfport, then shot and killed

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100 Men Hall Announces Launch of New Endowment Fund to Secure Long-Term Impact

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Thanks to an \$80,000 donation from the Bruce Foundation, 100 Men Hall today announced the establishment of a dedicated endowment fund, designed to provide sustainable financial support for its vital mission, programs and services well into the future. This new initiative will allow the organization to expand its reach and impact by generating consistent revenue through investment returns.

Susie Bruce, with the Bruce Foundation, is a clinical social worker and patron of the arts, who has been an ardent supporter of 100 Men Hall since 2019 and was moved by its mission. Her foundation's generous donation has helped fund the endowment, which is expected to ensure its mission impacts future generations.

"We are thrilled to launch this endowment fund, which represents a significant step towards ensuring the long-term viability of our mission," said Rachel Dangermond,

Director of 100 Men Hall. "We believe this endowment makes 100 Men Hall one of the rare, if only, African American landmark to be endowed in the State of Mississippi. By building a strong endowment, we can confidently continue to serve our community and address critical needs, regardless of economic fluctuations."

The 100 Men Hall operates under a 501c3 federal nonprofit called Hundred Members Debating Benevolent Association, Inc. Donations over \$250 may be tax deductible, check with your accountant.

Key points about the new endowment:

- Purpose: The endowment will primarily provide sustainable financial support for the 100 Men Hall's vital mission, programs and services well into future operations.
- Funding mechanism: Donations to the endowment will be invested, with a portion of the investment returns allocated annually to support ongoing programs.

- Donor impact: Individuals and organizations can make significant contributions to the endowment through a variety of giving options, including outright gifts, planned giving, and estate planning.

In addition to a portion of the gift, the Bruce Foundation would match up to \$30,000 in any further endowment donations.

How to contribute:

- Contact Rachel Dangermond at 100MenHall@gmail.com to discuss giving opportunities.
- More information: Visit <https://100menhall.com> to learn more about the Hall and its mission.
- A dedicated page on our website will be set up for any online endowment donations. Currently, please either mail a check to 100 Men Hall, 303 Union Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS, 39520 – made out to 100 Men Hall and re: Endowment, or contact Rachel at 228.231.1920, 100MenHall@gmail.com to discuss other methods of payment.
- Currently the web-

site is set up to receive

- 1) one-time donations and/or monthly subscription as a Hall Hero donations: <https://100menhall.com/products/donate>
- 2) become a member of our organization, 100 WOMEN DBA, which supports the ongoing preservation and maintenance of the Hall. To become a member: <https://100menhall.com/pages/becoming-a-member-of-the-100-women-dba>

- About 100 Men Hall Hundred Members Debating Benevolent Association, Inc. (est. 1894) is a 501c3 federal nonprofit whose mission is to preserve culture, interpret history and gather the community in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. Through live music events, innovative programs, and artistic expression, the nonprofit seeks to make 100 Men Hall, an African American landmark, accessible to visitors of all ages. At the 100 Men Hall, we are committed to the preservation of the distinct culture found within the geographical area.



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CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS

2025 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

The candidate qualifying period for municipal elections will open on January 2 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2025. Qualifying statements will be available at the City Clerk's office located at the Bay St. Louis City Hall, 688 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis, during normal business hours or by visiting www.sos.ms.gov.

Mike Reso, City Clerk | (228)466-5457

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD

Qualifying period for City of Diamondhead Mayor and City Council begins January 2, 2025. The deadline to qualify is January 31, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Qualifying forms are available in the City Clerk's office Monday – Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS or visit www.sos.ms.gov.

More information is available in-person at City Hall, www.diamondhead.ms.gov on the City Clerk's page or by calling the City Clerk's office at 228.222.4626 Ext. 1800 or Ext 1802.

Jeannie Klein | City Clerk

HANCOCK FEDERATION OF DEMOCRAT WOMEN DONATE TO DETENTION CENTER



Photo submitted
A gift drive for residents of the County Detention Center was organized by the Hancock County Federation of Democrat Women. Fifty-two gift bags were delivered on December 17th.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB DONATES TO FALLEN OFFICER FUND



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Members of the Punishers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club rode to Bay St. Louis on Saturday to present a check for \$2,592 to American Legion Post 139 for the post's Fallen Officers Fund. The club hosted a bike ride and poker run at Dan B's Restaurant in Bay St. Louis last month to raise the money. Bay St. Louis police officers and former Chief Toby Schwartz showed up on Saturday to greet the club.



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• NASA

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test.

“It is an exhilarating opportunity to feel what it is like to be a NASA engineer, responsible for making sure the engine is safely tested for launch,” said Chris Barnett-Woods, a NASA engineer that helped develop the software for the exhibit.

Sitting at a console mirroring the actual NASA Stennis Test Control Center, users are immersed in the complex process of engine testing. The exhibit uses cutting-edge software and visual displays to teach participants how to manage liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen propellants, and other essential elements during a hot fire.

Users follow step-by-step instructions that include pressing buttons, managing propellant tanks, and even closing the flare stack, just as real engineers do at NASA Stennis. Once the test is complete, they are congratulated for successfully conducting their own rocket engine hot fire.

The interactive exhibit is not just about pushing buttons. It is packed with interesting facts about the RS-25 engine, which helps power NASA’s Artemis missions as the agency explores secrets of the universe for the benefit of all. Visitors also can view real hot fires conducted at NASA Stennis from multiple angles, deepening their



Photo credit: NASA/Danny Nowlin
A pair of young visitors to INFINITY Science Center carry out the steps of a simulated RS-25 engine hot fire on Dec. 19. The updated engine test simulator exhibit provided by NASA’s Stennis Space Center takes users through the hot fire process just as real engineers do at NASA Stennis.

understanding of rocket propulsion testing and NASA’s journey back to the Moon and beyond.

NASA is currently preparing for the Artemis II mission, the first crewed flight test of the agency’s powerful SLS (Space Launch System) rocket and the Orion spacecraft around the Moon.

The first four Artemis missions are using modified space shuttle main engines tested at NASA Stennis. The center also achieved a testing milestone last April for engines to power future Artemis missions. For each Artemis mission, four RS-25 engines, along with a pair of solid rocket boosters, power NASA’s SLS rocket, producing more than 8.8 million pounds of total combined thrust at liftoff.

The revitalized exhibit, previously used when the visitor center was located onsite, represents a collaborative effort.



Photo credit: NASA/Danny Nowlin
INFINITY Science Center, the official visitor center for NASA’s Stennis Space Center, has unveiled a new interactive simulator exhibit that allows visitors to become the test conductor for an RS-25 engine hot fire.

It started as an intern project in the summer of 2023 before evolving into a full-scale experience. Engineers built on the initial concept, integrating carpentry, audio, and video to create the seamless experience to educate and inspire.

The best part might be that visitors to INFINITY Science Center can repeat the simulation as many times as they like, gaining confidence and learning more with each attempt.

“This exhibit was a

favorite in the past, and with its new upgrades, the engine test simulator is poised to capture the imaginations of the Artemis Generation at INFINITY Science Center,” said NASA Public Affairs Specialist Samone Wilson. “This is one exhibit you will not want to miss.” INFINITY Science Center is located at 1 Discovery Circle, Pearlman, Mississippi. For hours of operation and admission information, please visit www.visitinfinity.com.

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FROM THE MAYOR

As the holiday season comes to a close and we begin taking down the Christmas decorations at the Depot grounds, Old Town, and throughout the City Streets of Bay St. Louis, I encourage you to take a moment for one final look and appreciate the beauty they bring. These lights and displays are more than just festive decorations—they are a reflection of the hard work and dedication that embody the incredible community spirit which makes Bay St. Louis truly special.

Creating this festive atmosphere takes weeks of effort by our public works staff and other volunteers, but the joy and beauty these decorations bring to the city during Christmas make it all worthwhile. I'd like to take a moment to thank Bay St. Louis residents Leanne and Alex Murray, who took on the significant task of finding sponsors and organizing groups to decorate the individual Christmas trees at the Depot. Their efforts are a shining example of the pride and love our residents have for our community. This addition made the annual Christmas in the Bay celebration—held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving—more magical than ever.

I also want to recognize the hard work of our administrative staff, who spent months planning the Christmas in the Bay celebrations, which included the Christmas Parade, the Depot Event, and the Santa Stroll. On the day of these events, they arrived bright and early to ensure everything was perfectly set up for thousands of residents to enjoy. Their commitment and effort did not go unnoticed, and I cannot thank them enough for their dedication.

The Santa Stroll was a new event introduced by the city this year. Residents and tourists dressed in their best Santa, Mrs. Claus, and elf costumes as they roamed the streets of Old Town, supporting local shops and restaurants. Many even participated in contests for the best-dressed. We look forward to seeing this event grow each year, adding another special tradition to the Bay.

A heartfelt thank-you also goes out to our local businesses and generous sponsors whose support made the Christmas in the Bay celebration possible. Your contributions provided our commu-



GUEST COLUMN
BY BAY ST. LOUIS
MAYOR MIKE FAVRE

Hancock History: Country Music

In the early 1900's before "country" was formalized as a genre of music, its early roots and folk traditions included local string bands often featuring fiddles, banjos, and/or guitars. These musicians played a mix of old-time tunes, gospel, and popular parlor songs. In rural Hancock County, evening porch gatherings, local barn dances, and church-based singing events provided the springboard for this "country" style composed of fiddle tunes, simple guitar strumming, and tight vocal harmonies.

By the 1940's and 1950's, radio stations along the coast (eg. WLOX in Biloxi) featured local country bands. After World War II soldiers returning home boosted de-

mand for lively entertainment frequenting dance halls, roadside taverns, and honky-tonks. For example, US Highway 90 along the coast sprouted many roadhouses where country bands shared the bill with R & B or blues acts. Pearl River County and Hancock County booked local country musicians along side traveling carnival shows.

During the 1920's a Mississippi musician, Jimmie Rogers, created a genre of country music likened to "hill-billy" music and he is known as the "Father of Country Music." In the period 1930-1950, the Grand Ole Opry played on radio stations music of artists such as Hank Williams. It also included singing cowboys performing country and

western style. In the period 1950-1970 the Nashville Sound introduced musicians such as Elvis, Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, and Roy Orbison. During a fourth period of country music from 1970-1990 "outlaw country" was created by a small group of artists who fought for and won their creative freedom outside the Nashville establishment that previously had dictated the sound of most country music of that era. Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and Kris Kristofferson are among the movement's most commercially successful members. John Denver sang more traditional country and folk rock.

By the turn of the 21st Century, "pure country" music remained popular in Pearl



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

River County and the inland parts of Hancock County. Indeed, many country musicians in these counties like Dubois Ladner came from families with multi-generational ties to the area. Coastal towns such as Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and Pass Christian inevi

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Conservation Corner: Prairie Wildlife

The word "prairie" is almost exclusively tied to images and thoughts of the Midwest. Therefore, some may be surprised to learn that there is a vast wild grass prairie near West Point, in Northeast Mississippi, at a place called Prairie Wildlife.

After several years of planning and development, through partnerships with those knowledgeable in conservation and habitat preservation and management, Prairie Wildlife was born from the dreams and aspirations of Jimmy Bryan. Today, its mission is clear, focused, and well supported—to uphold our sporting traditions every day through visionary conservation efforts and dedicated community involvement.

Prairie Wildlife sits on 6,000 acres of Mississippi's Blackland Prairie. Less than 1% of this unique ecosystem remains. Jimmy's vision focused on bringing back wild grasses such as little blue stem, big blue stem, broom sage, and switchgrass. When

he first started this endeavor, Jimmy knew of only four or five coveys of quail on the property. After implementing conservation efforts, there are now 62 different coveys!

Prairie Wildlife is more than just a place offering wild bobwhite quail hunts. It is a conservation-driven sporting estate offering an array of extraordinary experiences and outdoor activities; all enhanced by leading conservation practices, topped off with first class accommodations.

In 2011, Prairie Wildlife teamed up with famed conservation organization Orvis from Vermont, and together made Prairie Wildlife one of the official venues for the Orvis Wingshooting Schools. Every year, hundreds arrive from around the country to engage in what is widely known as the most professional wingshooting school.

Quail is not the only type of hunt at Prairie Wildlife. They also offer white-tailed deer, dove,

and pheasant hunts. Dove hunts are not only offered on opening day, but thanks to their extensive year-round efforts to provide doves with food and cover throughout the year, Prairie Wildlife offers dove hunting opportunities throughout all three of Mississippi's dove seasons.

Additionally, the staff at Prairie Wildlife are passionate about ensuring that youth know the value of a sporting way of life. "My First Game" is a unique program designed specifically so moms, dads, or grandparents can join their sons, daughters, or grandchildren in their first experience in the field. Together, they share a hunt as the adults teach the young hunters a range of qualities, from how to responsibly harvest their first game, how to clean it, and how to handle it. To signify the beauty and importance of the day, on the last day, guests are asked to plant a tree and a sign in the Blackland Prairie dedicating their memorable time together in hopes



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BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

that the young hunter will one day return, read his/her plaque and realize that their sporting life began alongside a loved one with an experience called, "My First Game."

The dedication, perseverance, and commitment to the land is evident. For more information visit prairiewildlife.com.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a nonprofit conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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ARREST RECORD

Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from December 23 to December 30 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Jessica L. Kennedy, 41, disorderly conduct; contempt failure to appear
- Antionette C. Ausmer, 60, contempt of court failure to appear
- Darryl J. Batiste, 45, contempt of court failure to appear; careless driving
- Timothy J. Normand II, 44, felony possession of controlled substance
- Gavinn S. Goodrich, 19, no drivers license or expired
- Jidarron L. Walker,

- 32, simple domestic violence simple assault
- Tyre J. Coon, 51, suspended license
- David G. Cameron, 52, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement
- Marilu A. Titus, 47, contempt of court failure to appear
- Tahaira A. Cuevas, 41, contempt of court failure to appear
- Tyler A. Smith, 21, probation violation
- Kayla R. Nadeau, 27, DUI
- Habib C. Young, 45, drunkenness/profanity in public place
- Jason E. Henley, 49, DUI
- Daniel W. Morgan, 35, careless driving; DUI
- Eric C. Tamayo, 35,

- DUI
- Michael J. Hux, 45, drunkenness/profanity in public place
- Alonda M. Hall, 43, contempt of court failure to appear
- Jeffery R. Lewis, 37, no drivers license or expired; simple assault aggravated, domestic (warrant 2022)
- James J. Taylor Sr., 44, contempt of court failure to appear
- Wallace L. Reyer, 52, possession of paraphernalia
- Tara M. Nicholson, 42, possession of paraphernalia; contempt of court failure to appear
- Heather D. Cogar, 38, probation violation
- Ciara E. Bankester, 29, contempt of court failure to appear; drunk-

- ness/profanity in public place; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
- Hope E. Hernandez, 29, disturbing the peace
- Felix A. Molina, 30, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle; possession of paraphernalia; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
- Benjamin J. Johnson, 52, contempt failure to appear
- Eric N. Benoit, 40, contempt failure to pay

STORY SLAM!!! ON JAN. 5

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Join us for what is becoming a very popular happening here in The Bay. Story Slam is our quarterly live storytelling event. (Think, poetry slam without the rhyming.) This idea was originally organized by The Moth, in New York City over twenty years ago. And while our event is not affiliat-

ed with them, we use their style of real-life storytelling on a theme. As you know, most people in the South have lots of stories. Who knows, you may be one of them. Each Slam features stories that are humorous, touching, revealing and poignant. And with every story told, we become more connected to those around us. Come early. The last Slam was standing-room-only.

The theme: “The Holiday I’ll Never Forget”

Storytellers (slammers) have 5-ish minutes each to tell a true story they personally experienced, based on the theme chosen for the event. Our January theme is: “The

SENTENCED

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McCord.

After Preston shot McCord, several other individuals, including Bland and Armstrong, pulled their firearms and shot recklessly into the crowd gathered around the fight. Once the shooting stopped, Nathaniel Harris was located deceased in the street. During their guilty pleas, both Bland and Armstrong admitted to shooting blindly into the crowd, and Armstrong also admitted to shooting a vehicle. Clark admitted that he lied to police in an attempt to cover for his brother, Armstrong.

All seven co-defendants have been convicted and sentenced for their roles in the shootings. Isavian Preston, 26, pled guilty last December to Manslaughter and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and was

sentenced to a term of 30 years, to run consecutively to an eight-year sentence he is currently serving on a revocation of his previous conviction. Khalid Williams, 29, also pled guilty in April to two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by Convicted Felon related to this matter, and was sentenced to 12 years to serve consecutive to an eight-year sentence he is currently serving on a revocation in a prior conviction.

Breanna Riley, 26, pled guilty in June to Hindering Prosecution of a Felon, and was sentenced earlier this week to five years of non-adjudicated probation as a first-time offender. Bobby Hands, 30, pled guilty last week to Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by Convicted Felon and was sentenced to 10 years suspended for time served followed by five years of post-release supervision. Hands will begin serving his sentence after he completes his eight-year revocation sentence in an unrelated

Jackson County charge.

“I want to commend the Gulfport Police Department and their investigators for all of their hard work from the moment this senseless, reckless, and tragic gunfight took place,” Parker said. “As we have said throughout the investigation and prosecution, both witnesses and victims refused to provide the full truth of what happened on that deadly evening to the authorities. Detectives were, nonetheless, able to provide evidence that allowed us to prosecute and hold seven individuals accountable for their roles. This was a gunfight in which two of the deceased killed each other, and some of the others who were shot were active participants. Before the gunfight erupted, there were opportunities to let law enforcement know the situation. We tell our children that they must be bold enough that if we see something, we say something. That goes for all of us.”

HISTORY

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tably reflected a fusion of styles. These waterfront communities experienced cultural cross-pollination with New Orleans influencing local musical tastes with Cajun, jazz, and “swamp pop.”

A honky-tonk venue of yesteryear in the 1930’s in Hancock County was located in the Kiln known as the “Cow Shed” or Ward’s that was owned by Izella Glass. They played the Jimmie Rodgers and Ernest Tubb brand of country music. A top fiddle player of Hancock County was Pee Wee Mattox who played there. A favorite song at that time was the “Bobby La Croix Waltz” (Bayou La Croix). There was a lot of fiddle-playing in those days. Other top fiddle players of Hancock County included Tommy Moran Sr., Melvin Lusich, John Necaïse from Rocky Hill, Jack Youngblood Perier, Pee Wee Moran, and Leverage Moran. Other popular local honky-tonks included Archie’s Club in Delisle, Roy Coenan’s Club in Dedeaux, and the Cable Bridge Lounge on Vidalia Road. Two local bands in the day was Tommy Moran and the

“Morans” and Garland Moran and the “Night Travelers.” “If you wanna play in Hancock County, you betta have a fiddle in your band.”

A local country music band called “Country Gentlemen” was organized in 1994. They have played in Pearl River County and Hancock County for forty years with a mission to support veterans and educate young people of original, classic country music rather than the modern stuff, known as neotraditional, “stadium country,” or rock country music. The sounds of Country Gentlemen are not the music of Carrie Under-

wood or Taylor Swift. The members of Country Gentlemen included Dubois Ladner, Keith Hoda, Melvin Mitchel, John Necaïse, Junior Necaïse, Sammy Cuevas, and David Yarbrough. This band still performs at Veterans Clubs and benefits playing classic country and dance music.

In conclusion, the path of our local country music was shaped by rural folk tradition, post World War II honky-tonk culture, and cross-pollination with Louisiana sounds. Classic country bands like Country Gentlemen foster our music cultural heritage.

MAYOR

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nity with a free, joyous event that brought families together to create cherished memories. Additionally, many citizens and businesses purchased the snowflakes and lights that adorned the city’s trees, filling our streets with the true spirit of Christmas.

Bay St. Louis has an extraordinary ability to come together as a community, working hand in hand to make our town better for everyone. To all the residents, families, businesses, schools, organizations, and city employees who contributed to making this year’s holiday season so special: thank you. Your efforts ensured that Christmas in the Bay was a magical and memorable time for all.

Looking ahead, I’m excited to

share updates on the many projects Bay St. Louis is set to complete in 2025. But for now, as we step into the new year, I want to remind everyone that supporting our local businesses shouldn’t be limited to the holiday season. These local businesses and mom-and-pop shops are the heart of our community, making Bay St. Louis a wonderful place to live, work, play, and pray—all year round.

God bless, and Happy New Year!

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Obituaries

- BETTY MEEK COMAR
- ROBERT FILMORE HENLEY III
- RENELDER TODD-JOSEPH CHARLES

BETTY MEEK COMAR

Betty Meek Comar, 71, amazing mother and grandmother, wonderful sister, a loving friend with a big heart and a passion for her cooking, was reunited with the love of her life Dec. 24, 2024 as she and her beloved Mike spent their first heavenly Christmas together.

She was the wife of the late Michael Comar, who brought so much joy into her life for 25 years; mother of Eric Giandelone of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Brian Giandelone (Katie Vance) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; grandmother of Samantha and Andrew Giandelone; brother to Richard Meek (Sam Crosby) of Ponchatoula, Louisiana; several cousins; numerous friends, including those from VFW Post 6640 in Metairie, Louisiana; and her faithful

fuzzy companion Daisy. Daughter of the late Richard Meek Sr. and Marguerite Resseguet Meek.

A New Orleans native, Betty was born Oct. 23, 1953, and was a graduate of St. Joseph Academy and Soule Business College in New Orleans. She spent more than 40 years as a legal secretary at Milling Benson Woodward in New Orleans. She was a devoted mother who deeply loved her sons and took great delight in spending time and spoiling her grandchildren, a love so evident by her radiant smile when recalling visits with Samantha and Andy. Her greatest joy came from her life with Mike, for theirs was an inspiring love story that ended far too soon in this life but will continue eternally.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the



Funeral Mass on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Gulf Catholic Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at 12 p.m. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is honored to serve the family of Betty Meek Comar.

ROBERT FILMORE HENLEY III

Robert Filmore Henley III, 82, of Bay St. Louis, MS, peacefully passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Thursday, December 26, 2024.

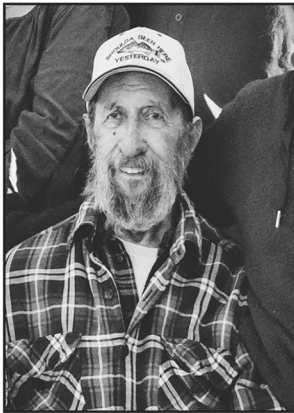
He was a skilled carpenter and an avid sportsman, he found joy in nature and bringing people together, often documenting these moments with his FujiFilm disposable cameras. He loved hosting parties at his home, wading for speckled trout, spending mornings hunting deer in the woods, and evenings at the camp cooking and playing

cards with friends.

Robert was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose life was defined by a strong work ethic, generosity, and a deep love for his family and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his father, Robert Filmore Henley Jr., and his mother, Rita Fayard Henley, and sister, Diana Ne-caise.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Rebecca Cospelich Henley; two sisters, Cindy Bolton and Wanda Blanton; brother, Eric Henley; two daughters, Melissa Dearman and Melanie Humphries; son, Robert Henley IV; six grandchildren; and



nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was honored to serve the family of Robert Filmore Henley III.

RENELDER TODD-JOSEPH CHARLES

Funeral service was held on Saturday December 28, 2024 at 11 am., visitation from 10

am., until 11 am., at First United Methodist Church, 433 Erlanger Avenue, Slidell LA., for Renelder Todd-Joseph Charles age 31, who passed away Decem-

ber 14, 2024, in Bay St. Louis, MS., Burial will be in the Salvation Cemetery in St. Joe, LA. under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home.

TEACHER

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recognized as one of the Top 10 Outstanding Citizens by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. Her community involvement extends to her leadership within the Junior Auxiliary of Hancock County, where she has held multiple positions including

President. Amanda Pidgeon is an outstanding educator, leader, and community member who embodies the qualities that the Teacher Of

The Year Award seeks to honor.

She and her husband Ryan along with their son Jesse reside in Diamondhead, MS.

ELECTIONS

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election.

- Never have been convicted of bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, being defined as a crime punishable by a minimum of one year confinement in the state penitentiary, unless pardoned for the offense.

- Never have been convicted of a felony in a court of this state or, of a felony in a federal court, or of a crime in the court of another state which is a felony under the laws of this state, on or after Dec. 8, 1992; excluding, however, a conviction of manslaughter or a violation of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any violation of the tax laws of this state, unless the offense also involved the misuse or abuse of an office or money coming into a candidate's hands by virtue of an office.

The Bay St. Louis City Council last month adopted an ordinance abolishing the city's municipal election commission and authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with the Hancock Circuit Clerk's office to

have the Hancock County Election Commission conduct municipal elections.

The current Bay St. Louis elected official line-up includes Mayor Mike Favre, Councilman-at-Large Gary Knoblock, Ward 1 Councilman Doug Seal, Ward 2 Councilman Gene Hoffman, Ward 3 Councilman Jeffrey Reed, Ward 4 Councilwoman Kyle Lewis, Ward 5 Linda Kay Davis, and Ward 6 Councilman Josh DeSalvo.

Seal has said he will not seek reelection this year. Knoblock has announced that he will seek the office of mayor rather than run for reelection as the councilman-at-large.

The current Diamondhead elected official line-up includes Mayor Nancy Depreo, Councilman-at-Large Gerard Maher, Ward 1 Councilman Shane Finley, Ward 2 Councilwoman Anna Liese, Ward 3 Councilman John Cumberland and Ward 4 Councilman Austin Clark.

What, When and Where to File:

Qualifying as a Candidate for Party Nomination:

1) Qualifying State-

STORY

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Holiday I'll Never Forget" and the event is free to attend.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 5 at 405 Blaize Ave., Bay St. Louis.

For Story Slammers, your story must be about YOU!

Stories must be told, not read in about five minutes (No note cards)

Again, the theme is, "The Holiday I'll Never Forget"

We limit each SLAM to ten storytellers

Register only if you want to tell a story at www.hancockarts.org

Listeners/audience members do not need to register.

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Come on out and share a story, or support others. Hope to see you there. We'll be slammin'!

(Note to parents: some stories may contain adult content)

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from **January 3, 2025 through March 31, 2025**, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2025** to qualify for homestead exemption.

The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

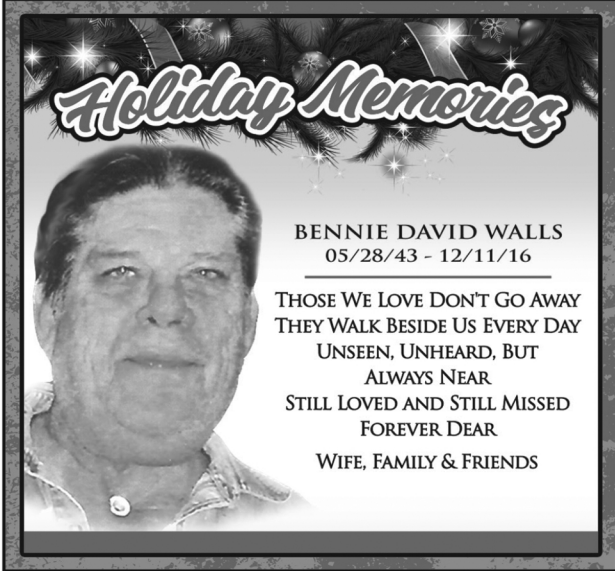
The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. **(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)**
- E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
- G) Is any part of the property rented
- H) Must have MS Driver's License and Social Security Number

You must refile your homestead exemption application if, on or before January 1, 2025 any of the following occurred

- A) You became over 65 on or before January 1, 2025
- B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before January 1, 2025
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

**If you have any questions please call
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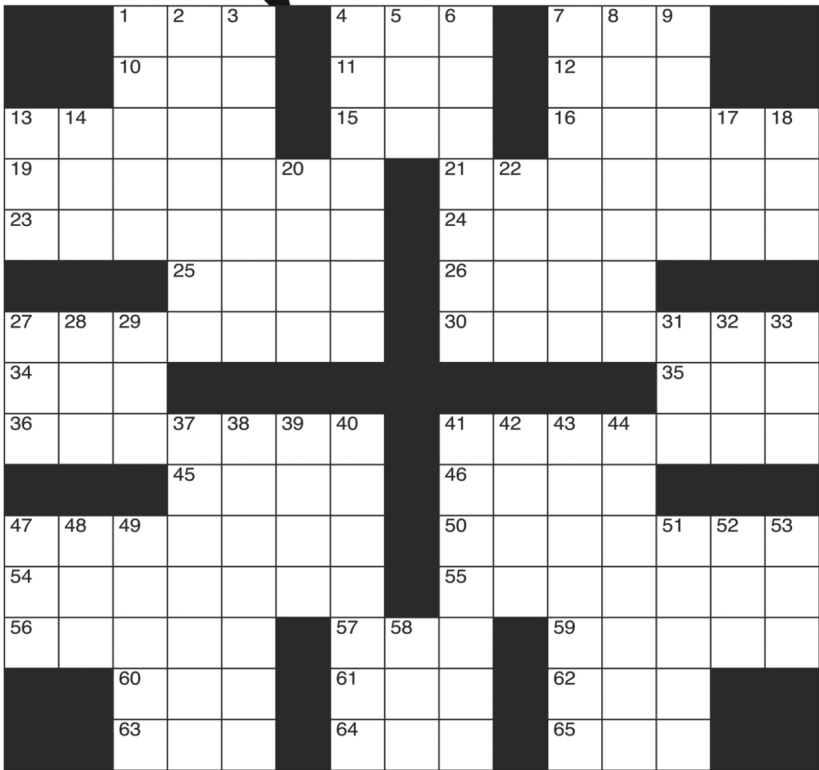
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CLUES ACROSS

1. __ fi (slang)

4. Anecdotes about a person

7. Central Standard Time

10. Beverage receptacle

11. Football's Newton

12. Be in debt

13. Tattles

15. Musician __ Lo

16. Arrange again

19. A binary compound of carbon with a metal

21. Brazilian futbol great

23. Feared

24. Annoy

25. Unit of heredity

26. Small freshwater fish

27. Muscular weaknesses

30. Fined

34. One-time EU currency
35. Egyptian unit of weight

36. Winged horse

41. Increments

45. Abnormal rattling sound

46. Middle Eastern country

47. A type of greeter

50. __ inning stretch

54. Reaches

55. More gray

56. Football term

57. Swiss river

59. Ninth day before the ides

60. Grow old

61. Don't know when yet

62. College hoops tournament

63. Japanese monetary unit

64. Medical device

65. Antidiuretic hormone

CLUES DOWN

1. Put fear into

2. Partner to corned beef

3. Interiors

4. Agrees to a demand

5. No (Scottish)

6. __ Hess Corp.

7. Ornamental molding

8. Garment

9. Electric car company

13. Decimal digits in binary (abbr.)

14. Gibbon

17. Sun up in New York

18. __ the line

20. A vale

22. Old Irish alphabet

27. A type of band

28. A team's best pitcher

29. Floor covering

31. A __ in the machine
32. Supplement with difficulty

33. Prosecutors

37. Place in order

38. Japanese lute

39. Mongolian city __ Bator

40. Perceived

41. A cloth for washing dishes

42. Chocolate cookie with white cream filling

43. Grassy plain

44. Barometer

47. Father

48. Of the ear

49. Thomas __, British dramatist 1652-85

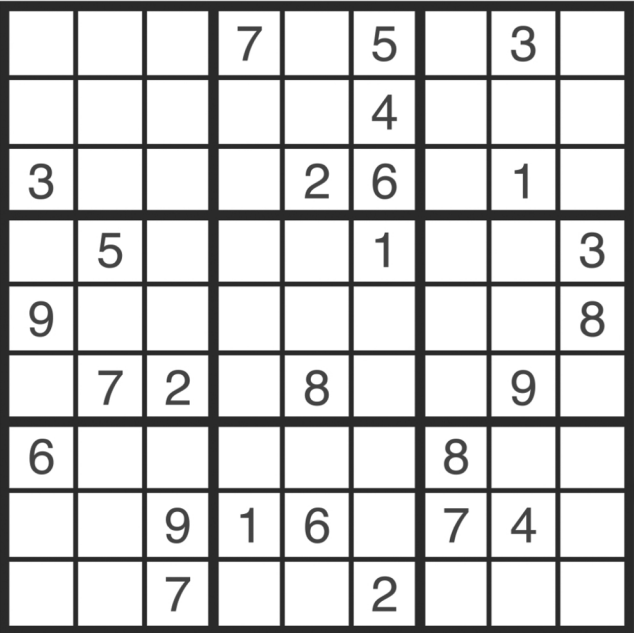
51. After eighth

52. Where golfers begin

53. Time units (abbr.)

58. Basics

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Level: Intermediate

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. How many square feet is the average adult human's skin?

2. What is the largest artery in the body?

3. What body system is the liver a part of?

4. What does cartilage link?

5. What type of blood cells fight infections and diseases?

WELLNESS WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- AEROBIC

BALANCE

BODY

CARDIOVASCULAR

CHECK-UP

COMPOSITION

ENDURANCE

EXERCISE

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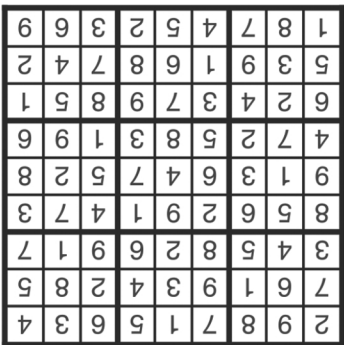
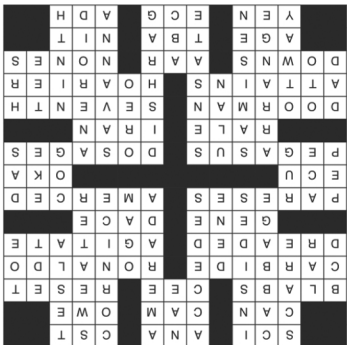
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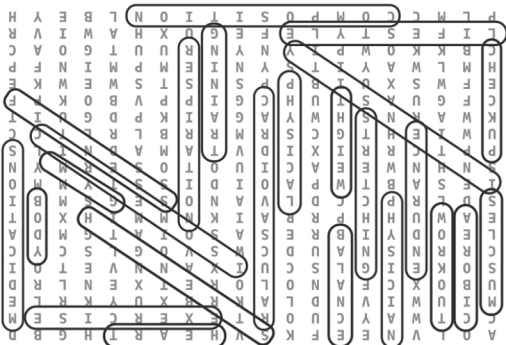
1. 19 feet

2. The aorta

3. Digestive System

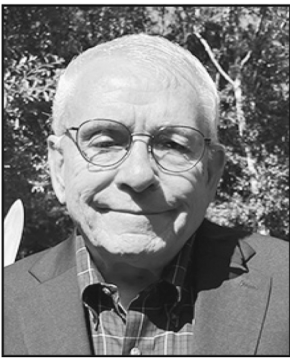
4. Joints and bones

5. White blood cells



Devotional Page

VALUES FOR 2025 By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

The beginning of a New Year is an appropriate time for reflection on the values that we hold, and on how we try to live

our lives. There are numerous ways to consider this. Some people focus on the relationships that they have in their lives. These may be, and often are, focused on family. The family unit is often the most important aspect of life. It is here that we find love, strength, support, and the capacity to accomplish goals. It is within the family that we discover the essence of meaning. Even when mistakes are made or challenges emerge, the family has the capacity to sustain us until we can find restoration and hope for the future. The popular poet, Robert Frost understood this when he declared that “Home is the place where

when you have to go there, they have to take you in”. Religion and spiritual faith can also be a means of clarifying our values. Churches, synagogues, and other religious institutions spend a great deal of time and energy attempting to form appropriate behavioral norms and convictions in the lives of their adherents. This effort is largely beneficial, although there are times when over-zealous or misguided religion can lead people to unhealthy, or even harmful, outcomes. Values can be, and sometimes are, formed within the internal conscience of the individual. These may, or may not, be the

result of some doctrinal understanding. They may come from personal background and experience. They may be grounded in the life and history of the person. They may be embedded in an internal place of duty and responsibility. All of this is part of that which can be identified as the human spirit. It is tempting to identify the term “spirit” with a particular religious tradition. Sometimes that is accurate. Many people, including this writer, find guidance and great help from spirituality which is formed by religion. There are times when a person may form values which are based on a belief system even when they are

not aware that this is the case. Whatever the source, a value system provides a helpful way to order life. This can be good for the person holding a value as well as for those with whom they are related. Whatever the source may be, wholesome values offer a foundation for life and for supporting relationships which lead to health and wholeness. Values which are founded in the concepts of love, grace, sharing, and helping others go a long way in establishing a positive and healthy life. They offer a good way to begin a new year. May 2025 be a year of health, hope, and solid values.

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255-1286
Sun. Service 10 a.m.
Wed. night worship 7 p.m

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Faith Assembly of God
Hwy 43 | Kiln 255-2567
First Assembly of God
1912 Arnold St., Waveland
467-7667

BAPTIST

Bayou Talla Fellowship
18555 Hwy 43 Kiln
255-1118
Bayside Baptist
7547 Hancock Dr.
Bayside Park | 467-0500
Emmanuel Baptist
2241 Longfellow Rd. | BSL
467-2186
emmanuelbaptistbsl.org

Catahoula Missionary Baptist Church
22140 Hwy. 43 South,
Hancock Co.

First Baptist
141 Main St. | Bay St. Louis
467-4005

First Baptist of DeLisle
25305 Cuevas DeLisle Rd
Pass Christian 255-6550

First Baptist Church
Franklin & Hancock St.
Pearlington | 533-6030

First Missionary Baptist
Sycamore St. | Bay St. Louis

First Southern Baptist
Pearlington
533-7313

Grace Chapel
9208 Edwin Ladner Rd
Pass Christian 255-3255

Jacob's Well
29554 Vic Faye
Pass Christian 255-2555
Worship Sunday at
9 & 11 a.m., Sunday School/
Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Kittiwake Baptist Church
1410 East 2nd St.
Pass Christian | 452-4198

Lakeshore Baptist Church
6028 Lakeshore Rd.
Lakeshore | 469-0110

Little Providence Baptist Church
21150 Hwy. 43
S. Catahoula
255-2089
littleprovidence.org
Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.;
morning worship, 10 a.m.

Little Zion Baptist
510 Central Ave. | Waveland

Macedonia Baptist
400 Morris St. | Waveland

Morning Star Baptist
Sycamore & Watts
Bay St. Louis | 466-4849

Mt. Chapel Baptist
721 Herlihy St. | Waveland
466-9829

New Hope Missionary Baptist
Whites Rd. | Pearlinton

New Life Baptist Church
6109 Road 312, Kiln
Sunday Services:
Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m.

Worship at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Services:
Bible study and prayers at
5:30 p.m.
Pastor Robert Newell - 228-
216-9492.

New Life Missionary Baptist Church
106 Turner St.
Bay St. Louis | 467-6871

Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church
5078 Hwy 90 W.
Bay St. Louis
Paul Burdic, pastor
228-344-3109
Worship: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
& 10:30am or 6pm Sunday

The Old Way By Grace Independent Baptist Church
6166 West Kemper Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Pastor Gordon Howard
243-0617

Shoreline Park Baptist
Waveland-Kiln Cut-off Rd.
Bay St. Louis | 467-9461

Victory Baptist
Hwy 603 | Kiln 255-1353

West Bay Community Church
100 Jeff Davis Avenue
Waveland
www.westbaycc.org

CATHOLIC

Annunciation Catholic
Kiln-DeLisle Rd. Kiln
255-1800

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
9062 Kiln Delisle Rd.,
Pass Christian.

Daily mass -- 8 a.m. Mon-
day-Friday; held in the chapel
Eucharistic Adoration -40
hours each week; check the
website for specific hours
Saturday masses — 4 p.m. and
6 p.m.—held in the church •
Sunday masses -- 7:30 a.m.,
9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. •
Adult Formation will be held
on Sundays at 10-11AM be-
fore 11AM mass in the Most
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Parish Center.

Our Lady of the Gulf
228 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis | 467-6509

Sacred Heart Catholic
14595 Vidalia Rd.
Pass Christian | 255-7453 or
255-7560

St. Ann Catholic
Clermont Harbor
Bay St. Louis | 467-5128

St. Clare Catholic
236 S. Beach Blvd., Waveland

St. Joseph Catholic
Hwy 604 Pearlinton
467-5128

St. Rose de Lima
301 S. Necaise | Bay St. Louis
467-7347

St. Matthew The Apostle
27074 St. Matthew
Church Rd.
White Cypress, Perkinston
255-7720

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pearlington Christian Church
Corner of Whites Road and
Kellar Pearlinton
222-7226
Services:
10a.m. Sun. &
6p.m. Wed

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
The Garden
1807 Waveland Ave.
Waveland, services
Sun., 10:30 | 228-671-0332.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
501 Pine | Bay St. Louis
467-9645

Church of Christ
17040 Cedar Dr., Pearlinton
Minister Darrell Lanford
342-8030

CHURCH OF GOD

Bread of Life Church of God
2290 Kiln-DeLisle
Services 10 a.m. Sunday

House of Prayer Baptist Church of God
530 St. John St., Bay St. Louis
Services: 11 a.m.
& 6 p.m. on Sun.,
7 p.m. on Wed. | 297-1886

Amazing Love Ministry Center
13296 Vidalia Rd
Pass Christian | 297-2143

EPISCOPAL

Christ Episcopal
912 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis 467-7757

St. Thomas Episcopal
5303 Diamondhead Cr.
Diamondhead 255-9213

Trinity Episcopal
Church St., Pass Christian

LUTHERAN

Lutheran Church of the Pines
309 Hwy 90, Waveland
467-6771

Grace Lutheran Church
19221 Pineville Rd.,
Long Beach
864-4248

METHODIST

Clermont Harbor United Methodist
Ioor St., Clermont Harbor
Pastor: Rev. T. Manuel
Johnson
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Diamondhead Methodist Church
5305 Noma Drive
Diamondhead | 255-6888
Pastor: Rev. Lee Ann Wil-
liamson • Sunday: 9:00 am
Worship and Kids Zone
Sunday: 10:00 am Disciple-
ship Hour • Tuesday: 8 am
Men's Breakfast, conversation
& devotion • Tuesday: 6 pm
Bible Study

First United Methodist
526 E. Second St.
Pass Christian

Greater Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal
16223-3rd at 7th Ave.
Pearlington | 533-9976

Holmes Chapel United Methodist
Hwy 604 | Pearlinton

Main Street United Methodist
162 Main St., Bay St. Louis
467-4538

New Life Methodist Church
A Global Methodist
Community
Pastor Lee Ann Williamson
816-769-2060

Pearlington United Methodist
5210 Levee Ave., Pearlinton

St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal
741 Dufour Road
Waveland | 864-4739

St. Rock United Methodist Church
301 Herlihy Street
Waveland | 466-9185

Valena C. Jones United Methodist
248 Sycamore St.
Bay St. Louis

Waveland United Methodist
Vacation Ln., Waveland
467-8047 | Service: 10 a.m.
Rev. T. Manuel Johnson,
Pastor

MORMON

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
McLaurin Ave. Waveland
467-5009

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Bible Fellowship Church
7030 Menge Ave.

Pass Christian
452-0038 | bfc4u.org

Church of the King
Bay St. Louis | 317 Reese St.
Saturday, 5:00
Sunday, 8, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.
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12th grade at 6 p.m.
467-8375

Miracle Tabernacle
235 Old Spanish Trail,
Waveland | 467-3924
Pastor Frank Kendrick

Church of the Joshua Generation
27492 West Dubuissou Rd.
Pass Christian

Church Of The Living God Resurrection
1011 Maple Street
Waveland, MS 39576
466-5024

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
6166 W. Kemper
Bayside Park

Central Bible Church
2002 Hwy 90 W
Bay St. Louis | 467-0529

Power House of Deliverance
1978 Washington
Bay St. Louis | 466-3841

Power of Prayer Praise & Worship Center
9012 Pine Dr. Waveland
467-7314

Revive My People Church
5224 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis

Southern Outreach Ministries
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 11
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship service, 11
a.m.; Bible study, Wed., 7p.m.

Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God and Christ
456 Easterbrook
Bay St. Louis | 466-4951

Word of Faith Christian Fellowship
1399 Old Spanish Trail
Bay St. Louis | 467-4488

Zacchaeus Community Church
106 Turner Street
Bay St. Louis
Sunday, 10 a.m.
Pastor Robert Gales
493-9944

PENTECOSTAL

First United Pentecostal
Old Spanish Trail, Waveland
467-3575

Healing Hearts Church
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 12,
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Sun. evening service, 6 p.m.
Bible study, Wed., 7 p.m.

New Life Church
4404 Leisure Time Dr.
Diamondhead | 216-4105
Sunday, 10 a.m

PRESBYTERIAN

Diamondhead Community Church
Diamondhead Circle
255-5556
Christian Education, 9am
Sunday Worship, 10am
Rev. Jason Edwards
dhcommunitychurch.org

Old Town Presbyterian (USA)
114 Ulman Ave.,
256-443-4100
Sun. service, 10 a.m.,
• Rev. Richard T. Gillespie

Long Beach Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
125 East 2nd Street
Long Beach
Rev. Dr. Dwight Ramsey,
Pastor
228-863-7633
Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

Pineville Presbyterian
4476 Menge Ave.
Pass Christian | 216-4105
Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.;
Bible study at 10.
Rev. Paul Kendall

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Substituted Trustee
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
244 Inverness Center Drive, Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35242
(801) 355-2886

Publication dates: January 2, 2025, January 9, 2025, January 16, 2025, January 23, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In the Matter of the Estate of MARC C. KARL, Deceased

CAUSE NO.: 24-282-JS

KRISTIN L. RABALAIS, Petitioner

SUMMONS

TO: The unknown Heirs at Law of Marc C. Karl, Deceased, whose identities and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain the same.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kristin L. Rabalais, Administratrix, seeking establishment of heirs at law of Marc C. Karl, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 OClock A.M. on the 21st of January, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 10th day of December, 2024.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk
(SEAL) By: Cassie Tribble

Prepared by:
DAVID B. ESTES, Esq.
MS Bar No. 101404
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December 19, 2024
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January 2, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF OLIVIA A. B. GRESHAM, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-578-CB

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

OF OLIVIA A. B. GRESHAM

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 24th day of October, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Olivia A. B. Gresham, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court to have the same probated and registered according to law within 90 days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 10th day of December, A.D., 2024.

s/ MATTHEW C. GRESHAM, ADMINISTRATOR

Caroline E. Haas
Haas & Haas, Attorneys at Law
201 North Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
T: (228) 467-6574
F: (228) 467-6575
MS Bar No. 104525

Publish dates: 12/19/2024; 12/26/2024; 1/2/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AT-LAW OF PATRICIA M. CROSBY AND LEE C. CROSBY, SR., DECEDENTS

CIVIL ACTION NO:24-CV-00662-JS

KATRINA L. CROSBY PETITIONER

SUMMONS

The State of Mississippi

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF PATRICIA M. CROSBY AND LEE C. CROSBY, SR., DECEDENT, TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL PERSONS, CREDITORS AND/OR ENTITIES WHO MAY HAVE A MONETARY, LEGAL AND/OR EQUITABLE CLAIM AGAINST THE HOMESTEAD REAL PROPERTY OF THE DECEDENT, PATRICIA M. CROSBY AND LEE C. CROSBY, SR., WHOSE NAMES, POST OFFICE ADDRESSES AND/OR STREET ADDRESS-

ES ARE UNKNOWN

You have been made Defendants in a suit filed in this Court by KATRINA L. CROSBY, Petitioner, seeking Determination of Heirs of PATRICIA M. CROSBY AND LEE C. CROSBY, SR., Decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 13th day of January, A.D. 2025, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hancock County, 152 Main St, Bay St. Louis, Ms. 39520, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money and other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 4th day of December, A.D., 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN
CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS

BY: Larrinell Kessel
Deputy Clerk

Publish: 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24, 1/2/25

National Oceans Applications Research Center (NOARC) REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) ABSTRACT

Electronic Statements of Qualifications will be received by NOARC at ghouchin@noarc.org until 5:00 PM CST, Friday, January 17, 2025. SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY The National Oceans Applications Research Center (NOARC) invites interested organizations to submit statements of qualifications to collaborate on developing, integrating, and testing a Situational Awareness and Training System (SATS) to support both aerial and maritime unmanned systems applications research. The system concept addresses mission operations planning, first-person operations of unmanned systems, testing and evaluating new systems, and hands-on student instruction. The envisioned capability supports testing new precision environmental monitoring and analysis technologies enabled by unmanned systems. These are currently being tested under the auspices of the NOARC Commercial Proving Ground for Space to Seafloor Environmental Monitoring project. Interested parties should submit their qualifications and should provide the name of the primary point of contact (POC) for this effort. In addition, if different from the POC, provide the contact information for the person responsible for daily activities to implement the scope of work if selected. Additional information regarding the scope of work for this RFQ may also be viewed utilizing the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MP-TAP) website at https://msapexaccelerator.org. Any contract awarded under this solicitation may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the Department of the Treasury and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of said funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(f), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the United States, or any of its departments, agencies or employees is not and will not be a party to this solicitation or any resulting contract. Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to submit a statement of qualifications and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. When subcontracting, all potential contractors must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises. See 2. C. F. R. §200.321. Any contract awarded must comply with the Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise contracting requirements outlined in Attachment B to this solicitation. MBE and/or WBE individuals/firms are encouraged to respond to this solicitation. Proposals are being requested in accordance with Item (b)(2) of 2 C. F. R. §200.320 Methods of procurement.

If you have any questions concerning the RFQ, please call: Quinn Houchin; 601.569.6029

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MRS. SHELDON C. BOUDREAUX A/K/AMARGARET BOUDREAUX PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSENO.24-695-JS
ODYSSEUS STRATEGIES LLC; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, IN HER CAPACITY AS CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OREQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE WITHINDESCRIBED LANDS SOLD ON AUGUST 29, 2022, FOR THE2021 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXESVIZ: 43 & 44 BLK 516 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD. 1 SPRINGWOOD-PARK ADD SEC 03 TWP 09 RANGE 15W RECEIPT #: 2021-4047-00CONVEYED DATE: 11/19/2024 PARCEL #: 172h-0-03-102.000DIST: 2451 CITY: 0 SCHOOL: 2 HANCOCK COUNTYREFERENCE: BK: 2017 PAGE: 1152 DATE: 2/06/2017 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS
NOTICE
This is a suit by MRS. SHELDON C. BOUDREAUX A/K/A MARGARET BOUDREAUX, to void tax sale and remove cloud on title to that certain property legally described as: DESCRIPTION OF LAND: 43 & 44 BLK 516 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD. 1 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD. SEC 03 TWP 09 RANGE 15W RECEIPT #: 2021-4047-00 CONVEYED DATE: 11/19/2024 PARCEL #: 172h-0-03-102.000 DIST: 2451 CITY: 0 SCHOOL: 2 HANCOCK COUNTY REFERENCE: BK: 2017 PAGE: 1152 DATE: 2/06/2017 MRS. SHELDON C. BOUDREAUX was the owner of the subject property in this matter one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the end of the redemption period and entitled to notice of forfeiture pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-43-1. She did not receive proper statutory notice thereby making the applicable tax sale void ab initio and the Chancery Clerk had no authority to grant a Chancery Clerk's Conveyance to ODYSSEUS STRATEGIES LLC. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 300 Davis Avenue, Ste. 101-A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 26th day of December 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi
ISSUE DATE: 11/19/2024
BY: BRIDGETTE LADNER DEPUTY CLERK
Publish Three (3) times: 12/26/2024, 01/02/2025, 01/09/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF SONJA C. WILLARD, Deceased, whose post office addresses, street addresses, and places of residence is unknown after diligent search and inquiry You have been made a Defendant named in the Petition for Estate Administration and Grant of Letters of Administration, filed in this Court for appointment of SURRENA DYER, Petitioner herein, as Administrator of the Estate of SONJA C. WILLARD, Deceased, who died on November 24, 2023, a resident of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and for other relief requested in the Petition. Defendants other than you in this action are CARLA LONG, and any unknown heirs-at-law or next of kin of the Decedent
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT OF HEARING
You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action in the Hancock County Courthouse located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at 9:30 o'clock A.M., on the 29th day of January, 2025, before the Honorable Jennifer Schloegel, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT, this the 18th day of November, 2024.

TIFFANY COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
152 MAIN STREET, STE. A
BAY ST. LOUIS MS 39520
BY: D.C.

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock
WHEREAS, on the 27th day of October, 2022, Spencer B Smith, unmarried, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Trustee for U.S. Bank National Association, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2022 at Page 31574; and WHEREAS, on the 4th day of December, 2024 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2024 at Page 28356; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 29th day of January, 2025, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO WIT: PARCEL #1: BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST; THENCE RUNNING WEST 370 FEET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 840 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE POPLARVILLE-LYMAN HIGHWAY, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 53; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT WHERE SAID RIGHT OF WAY INTERSECTS THE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SONJA C. WILLARD, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-67-JS

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO CARLA L. LONG, HEIR AT LAW OF SONJA C. WILLARD, Deceased, whose post office address, street address, and place of residence is unknown after diligent search and inquiry You have been made a Defendant named in the Petition for Estate Administration and Grant of Letters of Administration, filed in this Court for appointment of SURRENA DYER, Petitioner herein, as Administrator of the Estate of SONJA C. WILLARD, Deceased, who died on November 24, 2023, a resident of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and for other relief requested in the Petition. Defendants other than you in this action are any unknown heirs-at-law or next of kin of the Decedent
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT OF

HEARING

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action in the Hancock County Courthouse located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at 9:30 o'clock A.M., on the 29th day of January, 2025, before the Honorable Jennifer Schloegel, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT, this the 18th day of November, 2024.

TIFFANY COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
152 MAIN STREET, STE. A
BAY ST. LOUIS MS 39520
BY: D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SONJA C. WILLARD, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-67-JS

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BAY ST. LOUIS MS 39520
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock
WHEREAS, on the 27th day of October, 2022, Spencer B Smith, unmarried, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Trustee for U.S. Bank National Association, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2022 at Page 31574; and WHEREAS, on the 4th day of December, 2024 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2024 at Page 28356; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 29th day of January, 2025, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO WIT: PARCEL #1: BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST; THENCE RUNNING WEST 370 FEET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 840 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE POPLARVILLE-LYMAN HIGHWAY, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 53; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT WHERE SAID RIGHT OF WAY INTERSECTS THE

EAST LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 590 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6 ACRES AND BEING PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. SUBJECT TO 1ST LIEN I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 18th day of December, 2024.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pgar Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020
adp/F24-0554
PUBLISH: 1-2-2025 / 1-9-2025 / 1-16-2025 / 1-23-2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI YOUTH COURT DIVISION HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY ANDREA A. SANDERS, AND SOPHIA MARIE TOLER, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, ANDREA A. SANDERS PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. CC24-0013T BRANDY MARIE BRYANT, A.K.A. BRANDY MARIE TOLER, A.K.A. BRANDY MARIE PHOENIX, AND RUDY DESMOND TOLER RESPONDENTS COUNTY COURT SUMMONS- THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI- TO: Brandy Marie Bryant, a.k.a. Brandy Marie Toler, a.k.a. Brandy Marie Phoenix, whose last known post office address is 9302 NW 60th St., Parkville, MO 64152, and who is not to be found in the State Mississippi on diligent inquiry You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services by Andrea A. Sanders, Commissioner of MS Department of Child Protection Services and Sophia Marie Toler, minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 152 MAIN STREET, BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION; INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 22 day of Nov, 2024.
KENDRA NECAISE, CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520
BY: V LADNER D.C.
DEPUTY CLERK
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
THOMAS N. VODANOVICH, STEPHEN PIGLIA and SIALABAR MANANGEMENT COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 24-CV-694-MA KATHIE S. LINGO, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, EARL LINGO, SR., EARL LINGO, JR., PAMELA BEASLEY, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, m JOSHUA D. BEASLEY, CHERI MALONE, SHAWN ABARE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, W. CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MS and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES ON AUGUST 28, 2017 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Kathie S. Lingo, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest Pamela Beasley, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest Cheri Malone, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Perry Roach, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint to Confirm Tax Title. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 East Canal Street, Suite E, Post Office Box 1682, Picayune, Mississippi 39466. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED

AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 19 day of December, 2024.

Tiffany Lee Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County Mississippi
By: Laurinell Kossel, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THOMAS N. VODANOVICH, STEPHEN PIGLIA and SIALABAR MANANGEMENT COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 24-cv-694-MA KATHIE S. LINGO, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, EARL LINGO, SR., EARL LINGO, JR., PAMELA BEASLEY, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, m JOSHUA D. BEASLEY, CHERI MALONE, SHAWN ABARE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, W. CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MS and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES ON AUGUST 28, 2017 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020, OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lots 39 and 40, Block A, HARBOR ESTATE SUBDIVISION, Second Addition, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Also identified as Tax Parcel No. 139B-0-29-269.000 and PPIN No. 22925. You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Sialabar Management Company, LLC, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint to Confirm Tax Title. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 E. Canal St., Ste. E, Post Office Box 1682, Picayune, Mississippi 39466. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 26th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 19 day of December, 2024.

Tiffany Lee Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County Mississippi
By: Laurinell Kossel, Deputy Clerk

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2006, Valerie L. Ladner and Christopher R. Ladner executed a Deed of Trust to Hugh Keiting, Trustee for the benefit of the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, which is recorded in Book 2006 at Page 28406 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Underwood Law Firm PLLC has been substituted as Trustee under the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby has been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby, U.S. Small Business Administration, has requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorneys fees, Substituted Trustees fees, and expenses of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on January 16, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being the same property described in the Deed of Trust:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 35, 36, 37, and 38, Block 153, all in the Town of East Ansley, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the map or plat of said town on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Plat Book 79 at Page 37.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC will convey only such title as is vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 5th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson
Andrew R. Wilson (Miss. Bar #102862)
UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC
P.O. Box 1874
Madison, MS 39130
Phone: (601) 981-7773
File No. 24060242
PUBLISH: Sea Coast Echo: (12/19/2024, 12/26/2024, 01/02/2025, 01/09/2025)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 11, 2014, executed by VERLON D SPIERS, JR. and JENNIFER L SPIERS conveying certain real property therein described to DENISE MCLAURIN, as Trustee, for Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded February 13, 2014, in Deed Book 2014, Page 2008; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE; and WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on January 29, 2025 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

PARCEL #1: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THENCE WEST 770.0 FEET FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE WEST 210.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 501.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 651.53 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING LOCATED IN THE S1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PARCEL #2: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THENCE WEST 1260.00 FEET FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 34 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 306.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 501.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 280.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND BEING LOCATED IN THE S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 32162 DOGWOOD LN, POPLARVILLE, MS 39470. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rslaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A MISSISSIPPI NON-PROFITS CORPORATION PLAINTIFF(S)

VERSUS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CV-541-JP

ELDON HARVEY DEFENDANT(S)

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ELDON HARVEY

You have been made defendant(s) in a suit filed in this Court by White Cypress Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc., A Mississippi Non-profits Corporation, Plaintiffs, seeking relief pursuant to that certain Complaint To Impose Lien, Foreclose Lien and For Other Relief of the hereinafter described lands, to-wit:

LOT 17, MALLARD POINT, PHASE I, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT OF THE CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint To Impose Lien, Foreclose Lien and For Other Relief filed against you in this action to Nathan S. Farmer, Esq., the Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose Post Office address is P.O. Box 1608, Picayune, MS 39466, and whose street address is 120 Goodyear Boulevard, Picayune, Mississippi 39466. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 19th OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 11th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Tiffany Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Larrinell Kessel
Deputy Clerk

Publish: 12/19/2024, 12/26/2024, 01/02/2025, 01/09/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM RICHARD LADY, DECEASED CAUSE NO.

23CH1:24-cv-00610-JS PATRICIA LADY AND MICHELLE LADY BALL, PETITIONERS NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of WILLIAM RICHARD LADY, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 2nd day of December 2024, and all persons having claim against said Estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

WITNESS The Honorable Jennifer Schloegel, Chancellor of the Eighth District, this the 13th day of December 2024, and the seal of the Court hereunto attached. TIFFANY COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK By: /s/Cassie Tribble, D. C. s/Patricia Lady & s/Michelle Lady Ball, Petitioners

136 Automobile

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Jan. 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

TAN 2010 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED VIN# 1FMCU9E77AKA44817 GRAY 2009 HYUNDAI SONATA VIN# 5NPEU46C19H452199 WHITE 2002 DODGE SPORT PICKUP VIN# 1B7HL38N325632557

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to her website, www.mississippikween.com.

Two men were badly injured at Jindal Tubular USA at Hancock County's Port Bienville Industrial Park when a large steel pipe rolled over them. One of the men later died and the other lost both legs.

An investigation by the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration found Jindal Tubular USA LLC had not established safe practices for storing and stacking pipes, resulting in the incident.

In November, OSHA cited the company for failing to ensure stacked pipes were stable and secure against collapse. Inspectors also identified three repeat violations that included failing to provide machine guarding, inspect or test electrical insulating protective gloves periodically, and prevent slipping hazards. In addition, the company was cited for 26 serious violations that included failing to ensure guardrails or covers were in place at open pits to protect employees from fall hazards, allowing accumulation of combustible dust on surfaces and failing to label exit doors to facilitate safe egress in the event of a fire.

"Jindal Tubular's repeated failure to provide employees with a safe workplace has been truly disturbing," said OSHA Area Office Director Courtney Bohannon in Jackson, Mississippi. "We hope this settlement signals a new willingness to make employee safety the centerpiece of its operations."

As part of the agreement negotiated by OSHA and the Office of the Solicitor, Jindal Tubular USA withdrew its challenge to the citations and agreed to pay \$442,815 in penalties.

FEBRUARY

Hancock County mourned when Edward "Eddie" Favre, 69, died on Feb. 11.

Favre served as the Bay St. Louis mayor for a record 20 years before retiring briefly, then going back into public service as the Hancock County Administrator in 2016.

As mayor, he presided over the Bay's rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina decimated the city in 2005, and gained a national reputation as "the Mayor in Shorts," famously wearing short pants to a black-tie event with then-President George Bush, vowing not to wear long pants again until Bay St. Louis had recovered from the storm.

He left the county administrator's position in October 2022, citing health concerns.

Austin Clark won the Ward 4 seat on the Diamonhead City Council to replace his father, outgoing Councilman Chuck Clark, who had resigned after being elected to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. Austin Clark won after a runoff with Brigitte B. Becker.

Becker and Clark competed in the special election in January with fellow candidates James A. Marble and

Peter Yanez

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District Board of Education in February announced the appointment of Warren Eyster as the new principal of Bay High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

"I am delighted to welcome Mr. Eyster as the leader of BHS for the upcoming school year," Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed said. "His exceptional track record of academic growth and achievement in previous principal roles speaks volumes."

"I am deeply honored to assume the role of Principal at Bay High School," Eyster said. "I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to collaborate with our dedicated teachers and staff, as together, we strive to profoundly influence the lives of our students for the better."

MARCH

The Bay St. Louis Police Department in March arrested an 18-year-old Perkinston man in the hit-and-run death of a 41-year-old woman.

Bay police charged him with one count of felony Leaving the Scene of an Accident Causing Death in the accident that claimed the life of Brandy Thames, a mother of three. The collision occurred on March 16, 2024, at approximately 10:35 p.m. on Highway 90 at the intersection of Dunbar Avenue.

Police later got security camera video of the suspect after he apparently stopped at a local convenience store right after the accident. Police said Thames "was described by her family as a loving mother,

daughter, sister, fiancé and friend to many."

The Hancock County-area law enforcement community mourned the loss of one of its own on March 16, corrections officer Shari Rouse, who died in a car accident in front of the Hancock County Justice Facility.

"It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Shari Rouse," sheriff's officials shared on social media.

Another person was also injured in the wreck.

"As a corrections officer, Shari served with dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of others," according to the Facebook post. "She was more than just a coworker, as she was a valued member of our team and a true friend to many."

"Please join us in praying for Shari's family, as well as the members of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office who had to confront the sudden loss of a beloved colleague and dear friend. May we all find comfort in the cherished memories we have of Shari. Shari, was a beloved mother and wife who leaves behind a husband, Austin, and precious ten year old daughter, Carlyne. "Rest in peace dear friend. You will be deeply missed, but your spirit will live on in our hearts forever."

The Waveland Civic Association celebrated the 60th anniversary of its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

"I think it made me a better person," Longtime Waveland Civic Association member

Jay Lagasse said of his involvement with the WCA. "I just think it's something to be proud of."

According to the WCA's history, in 1964, a group of men who met at Villere's on Coleman Avenue, decided to host a St. Patrick's Day parade complete with a dance party on the street.

In addition, the group sold corned beef and cabbage and donated the proceeds to the Boy Scouts. Joe Griffin served as the WCA's first grand marshal, Bob Lucas was the second, and Joe Dunaway was the third.

The Waveland Civic Association was chartered in 1967 and the purpose was for the "betterment of the social, cultural, charitable, and benevolent activities of the citizens of Waveland and surrounding communities."

Lagasse, who graduated from St. Stanislaus in 1964, said he joined in 1965, because he said it seemed like a fun thing to do.

"My first parade had a float built by the older members," he said. "It was the only float."

The members marched in the parade, he said. As the parade grew and included more floats, Lagasse said, members were unable to walk the entire distance and began to ride the route.

The first WCA St. Patrick's Day ball was held in 1967.

APRIL

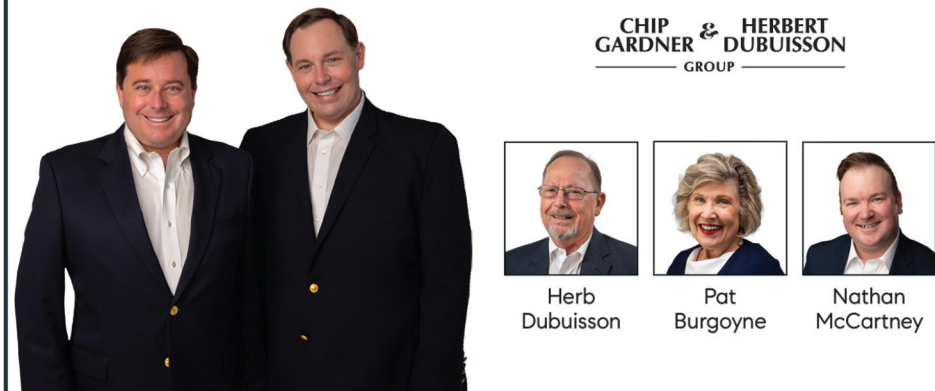
On Friday, April 5, at approximately 3 p.m., the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded

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to a multiple-injury crash on Interstate 10 in Hancock County.

A 2007 MCI Motor Coach Bus owned by Dixon Motor Express LLC of Chester, SC, and driven by 55-year-old Tina Wilson of Roebuck, SC, was traveling west on Interstate 10 when it collided with a center concrete barrier, according to the MHP.

The bus was carrying 56 students from the University of South Carolina who were traveling to New Orleans.

Wilson reportedly prevented the bus from flipping over, but when it returned upright, the windshield blew out and she was ejected. One of the students then reported grabbed the wheel and brought it to a stop.

Eleven injuries were reported in the crash. Nine students were taken to a local hospital by ambulance, while the driver and a student were airlifted from the scene.

The remaining students at the crash site were transported by Bay St. Louis Public School District buses to a nearby school building, where they arranged for further transportation.

The Mississippi Highway Patrol, MS Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division (CTED), Bay St. Louis Police Department, Bay St. Louis Fire, Hancock County Sheriffs Department, Hancock Fire, Hancock Volunteer Fire Department, Diamondhead Fire Department, Hancock EMA, Acadian Ambulance, AMR Ambulance, Rescue 5 Air Medical and radio dispatchers at these agencies played crucial roles in providing immediate care, managing traffic, responding to secondary incidents, and conducting the crash investigations, according to MHP.

• Former Bay High School Principal Dr. Amy Yarborough Necaise has filed suit against the Bay-Waveland School District, claiming sexual discrimination and asking to be reinstated.

In the suit, Necaise claimed that the school district ignored alleged crimes committed by two male employees, but fired her after she was charged with a misdemeanor.

In August 2023, Necaise was charged with shoplifting for allegedly not scanning about \$123 worth of items in the self-checkout lane at the Waveland Walmart on Aug. 20. Walmart subsequently filed two other affidavits against her, alleging additional incidents of misdemeanor shoplifting, one for Aug. 1 for \$25.24; and one on Aug. 15 for \$51.25.

In September, the school district board of trustees met in special session and announced it had accepted Necaise’s resignation.

In November 2023, Waveland Municipal Judge Desmond Hoda accepted a “no contest” plea from Necaise on one count of misdemeanor shoplifting.

Under the terms of the plea agreement worked out between Waveland prosecutor

pro tempore Nathan Ryne Hand and defense attorney Tim C. Holleman, Necaise was sentenced to one year of probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$585.75 and court costs.

Necaise was also permanently banned from the Waveland Walmart.

“This is one of those cases we looked at seriously defending,” Holleman said at the time, “but it would have taken a year or more.”

Considering the “negative comments” Necaise had to deal with on social media, Holleman said, his client determined it was best to just plead “no contest” and move on with her life.

The lawsuit is still pending.

• In her continuing series “Meaningful Measures,” Echo Staff Writer Cassandra Favre highlighted the efforts of the Adam family to keep their son’s memory alive through a charitable foundation.

“They have taken a tragic event in their lives and turned it into a positive impact in our community by helping out not only the Hancock County Vo-Tech center with equipment, but also by giving kids in our community the chance to go to college to learn a trade that they may not have been able to afford otherwise,” Ashley Piazza said of the Adam family and their creation of the Tanner Adam Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

On Sept. 13, 2008, Tanner Adam was killed in a car accident, his older brother Trevor Adam said, at the age of 17. He has a twin brother named Taylor, who named his son after Tanner.

Tanner is the son of Brian and Laura Adam.

“Throughout that tragic time for us, through the funeral, through all that, people really kind of were there and shared that humility and grace towards us,” Trevor Adam said. “In our time of need, we truthfully were very grateful for what people did.”

“So, we created the memorial softball tournament and did that for ten straight years,” he said.

Adam said the intent of the scholarship foundation is to give more students an opportunity to attend vocational schools.

“We wanted to give it to kids who weren’t going to be able to go to school,” he said. “It’s a way for them to earn an honest living. We’re very blessed, because we’ve been able to have success. The softball grew and we’ve given equipment for welding supplies, helmets, machinery to Hancock High School as well as Pearl River Community College. We’ve been able to donate close to \$100,000 in scholarships and equipment.”

In order to determine whom should receive the annual scholarship, Adam said, the foundation meets with vocational teachers at Hancock High School, Poplarville High School, and Pass Christian High School.

“We ask them to submit kids that meet the criteria,” he said. “Kids that necessarily wouldn’t expect to be going to school or necessarily afford. We didn’t

want it to be about grades or academics, we kind of wanted to steer it to the workforce training.”

The funds come from teams entering the tournament, he said.

At the beginning of last year, Piazza said, Trevor reached out to him to let him know they were doing away with the softball tournament.

“Softball as a sport was dying down,” Adam said. “So, a friend of the family approached and asked if we would be interested in doing a trail ride.”

Last year, the board also decided upon a golf tournament.

“We all play golf so golf was the natural thing that we got involved with it,” Piazza said. “We met with the board and got the golf tournament rolling.”

Adam, who said he and his brother Taylor also play golf, said many of his friends helped put the golf tournament together.

“Last year, we actually sold out the number of flights that we could host,” he added. “It was an extreme blessing for us.”

The golf tournament is held on Father’s Day weekend at the Diamondhead Country Club.

On average, Adam said, the foundation gives out about two to three scholarships a year to Pearl River Community College and/or Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College or any vocational school of the student’s choosing.

Learn more through Facebook at Tanner Adam Memorial Fund.

MAY

• The Nature Conservancy in Mississippi began construction on a 35-acre oyster reef in the Bay of St. Louis to restore oysters to the Gulf Coast following natural and man-made disasters that have decimated local oyster populations.

The reef is named after longtime Bay St. Louis resident and legendary Hancock County chef and restaurant owner, Tony Trapani who passed away a few years ago.

The Trapani reef was constructed with over 11,000 limestone “pods” or mounds spaced four feet apart and stacked one to two feet high. This vertical configuration gives growing oysters added protection against low oxygen and freshwater flooding events, such as the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway.

The increased height and surface area created by the “pod” design adds resiliency to the reef, providing more area for oyster larva to colonize.

The reef will support sub-tidal oyster reefs producing oyster brood stock for the Mississippi Sound. Because the reef is in an area that is closed to harvest the expectation is that oysters will be allowed to grow undisturbed over time. The limestone rock and recycled oyster shells will create a surface area for new oysters attach and grow.

• In her regular series “The Daily Grind,” Echo Staff Writer Cassandra Favre highlighted the Bay’s newest BBQ joint, That Boy Good.

The original premise

of TBG was I wanted a juke joint,” Mark Millwood said. “I wanted some place that people felt they were kind of going across the tracks to some place they shouldn’t go. Really laid-back, casual, good blues music, good food. My vision for down here is to create that same feel, good music, good service, good atmosphere.”

That Boy Good, which opened on April 1, is Bay St. Louis’ newest restaurant, a bar-becue joint with a lot of soul.

“I was raised by a single mom and I spent a lot of time in the kitchen helping her out,” Mark said. “And, I hated doing yard work. My brother would do the yard work and I would help her out in the kitchen. I just always had a passion for it and there was never nothing I wouldn’t try.”

When he was about 14 years old, he starting washing dishes and started cooking at 15.

“I cooked all through high school,” he said. “Got in a little bit of trouble at the end of high school and I actually spent a year in juvenile hall and I actually cooked in there too.”

“I’ve lived all over the country, I’ve lived overseas, and this is the one place I’ve felt I could call home,” he said. “It’s a small-town feel, people are friendly. You see people praying in public, and ‘God bless you’ and ‘thank you,’ ‘yes ma’am, no ma’am,’ it’s just felt like home. Plus, I think my cooking career really took off, especially when I was working at the Grand. Between the Grand and the Beau Rivage, that’s when my career really went to that next level. So, I owe a lot to the south as far as it’s influence on me and giving me opportunities down here to move up. I always tell everybody, ‘I wasn’t born here, but I’m damn sure gonna die here.’”

That Boy Good is located at 1100 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

Follow on Facebook at TBG Bay St. Louis.

• Hancock County Youth Court hosted a graduation ceremony in May for two of its participants in family treatment court.

“The family treatment court team has reviewed each application for graduation to ensure the participants have met all the requirements for graduation,” Hancock County Judge Trent Favre said.

The two graduates were Bryant Compton and Dorothy Jones.

Each graduate received a certificate of completion.

Hancock County Family Treatment Court staff, family and friends were invited to greet the graduates and offer them private expressions of love and encouragement.

• The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse hosted its ninth annual Pirate Day in the Bay on May 16 and 17.

The Pirate Day in the Bay festival was awarded #27 on Travel Lemming’s “150 Best Things to Do This Summer” for 2023, Mississippi Magazine Best of MS Travel 2022 for “Best Spring Festival”, Mississippi Magazine Best of Travel 2021 “M-List” winner, & Southeast Tourism Society 2021 “Top

20 Event”. The Pirate Day in the Bay festival draws 5,000+ locals and visitors from across the fifty states and Canada

The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse, a volunteer non-profit organization that promotes economic development in Hancock County. Through various fundraising efforts, Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse supports a very diverse group of interests to include the arts, veterans’ services, hospitality scholarships, job creation, and other non-profit organizations in the community. Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse was recognized as the 2022 “Non-profit of the Year” at the Hancock Business & Industry Awards Gala. In 2023, Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse donated \$21,100.00 to Hancock County interests.

JUNE

• In June, Paule’s Sno-Balls in Bay St. Louis celebrated its 25h year of operation.

“It’s just a little snow ball stand,” Paule’s Sno-Balls owner Paul Adams said.

Adams — who is originally from Bucktown, Louisiana in Jefferson Parish — moved to Hancock County in 1993 because he said he “fell in love with the coast.”

“We used to come here on the weekends and go to the Casino Magic,” he said. “Then when Sunday came around, we didn’t want to go home.”

When he opened the snow ball stand, Adams said, he was out of work, but the inspiration came from childhood memories.

Paule’s Sno-balls is still located in its original spot on Blue Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis, which Adams said is close to his home.

The first year, Adams said, there wasn’t much of a response.

“Everybody drove by,” he said. “The second year, that’s when they started coming.”

Adams said he has a lot of regulars, who return year after year for the frozen treat.

“They say they’re the best,” he said. “And I know they are because I’ve tried them all.”

Paule’s is located at 619 Blue Meadow Rd.

For more information about booking Paule’s mobile snow ball services, contact Adams at 228-332-1646.

• In June, Blaine LaFontaine, Executive Director of Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, was honored as a 2024 Top CEO by the Mississippi Business Journal.

“I am honored to be recognized among this group of professionals statewide. I have had the privilege to work with so many talented people all focused on making Mississippi better every day. Furthermore, this recognition is a testament to the outstanding team dedicated to our mission at Hancock Port and Harbor.”, LaFontaine said.

As the county economic development authority, the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is committed to fostering business investment and job creation. Their focus lies in attracting manufacturing, defense, aviation, and aerospace-related projects to the county. The organization manages

the Stennis International Airport and Port Bienville Industrial Park, while also providing support to the Stennis Space Center, NASA’s leading facility for rocket engine testing.

• The Hancock Youth Court hosted a reunification ceremony “He wants to see reunification,” Eric Greer said of Hancock County Judge Trent Favre. “Where I’m from, chances of you getting your kids back are slim, very, very slim. If we would have lost our kids where we are from, we would have never seen them again. There would have been no hope. They don’t have no program like this and they darn sure don’t have a judge like this. He wants what’s best for the kids.”

Hancock County Youth Court staff attorney Kelly Creely said that when an issue develops in the home, Child Protective Services prepares the report and relays that information to Hancock County Judge Trent Favre.

At that point, officials decide if the case can be resolved with the child remaining in the home. If it can’t be resolved in the home, the child is taken into custody, Creely said.

Through a partnership with Tulane University, participants see a medical doctor who prescribes any medication they might need, Family Treatment Court’s program coordinator Sarah Johnson said. The program includes three 90-day phases and the amount of testing depends on the level of care a participant needs.

• Multiple agencies responded to the Bay St. Louis Bridge in June after a woman began experiencing what police officers called a “mental health crisis,” stopping traffic in the westbound lane for a couple of hours.

“At about 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, we received a call from dispatch that they had a female in distress on the Bay Bridge,” Bay St. Louis Police Department Sgt. Demarcus Johnson said. “Officers responded and we located the woman. After a couple of hours speaking to her, we were able to escort her down from the bridge and get her some medical attention. She was taken to a local hospital.”

Johnson has been with the Bay P.D. for the past six years. He said he joined the department to “help people.”

Although the incident occurred on the Harrison County side of the bridge, and officers from the Harrison County Sheriff’s Office, the Pass Christian Police Department and Bay St. Louis Fire Department also responded to the scene, Johnson was the officer who eventually talked the woman down.

Johnson said the Bay P.D. has resources “that could assist a lot of people who come into troubled times. It only takes one person to believe in you sometimes to help you make it through. ... I feel that we have more than enough certified and trained professionals. We offer outreach to people in need.”



ALL-SEA COAST ECHO FOOTBALL TEAM TURNS 25 YEARS OLD

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The 2024 edition of the All-Sea Coast Echo football team turned 25 years old with the selections following the most recent high school football season. It marks a monumental moment for the annual list of honorees from the four area high schools the newspaper covers - Bay High, Hancock, Pass Christian, and Saint Stanislaus.

This annual team was started a quarter of a century ago to give recognition to our area players that we feel perform as well as others in South Mississippi but sometimes are overshadowed by larger schools and demographics. There have been some tremendous performances during the last 25 years that many of us have had the opportunity to witness. Below, we have reached back into the annals of the newspaper to revisit the names of players of the years over the last 25 seasons. And, who knows there might even be a listing of a 25-year All-Echo team somewhere in this rendition.

Each season, the newspaper staff selects a first team and honorable mention selections to the annual squad from nominations provided by the head coaches of Bay High, Hancock, Pass Christian, and Saint Stanislaus. We rely on the coaches' nominations as they work with the student athletes on a daily basis. From the first team selections, an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year is selected.

Over the course of the last 25 years, the area has had some tremendous athletes display their talents on Friday nights. Below is listing by year of the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year:

2000
Offensive Player of the Year - Chris Goff - Hancock - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Cameron Byrne - Saint Stanislaus - Line-

backer

2001
Offensive Player of the Year - Kalvin Woods - Pass Christian - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Adam Barrett - Bay High - Linebacker

2002
Offensive Player of the Year - Brandon Necaise - Hancock - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Frederick Mallini - Saint Stanislaus - Defensive Line

2003
Offensive Player of the Year - Zach Ferry - Bay High - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Matt Rayborn - Hancock - Defensive Line

2004
Offensive Player of the Year - Michael Cure - Saint Stanislaus - Wide Receiver
Defensive Player of the Year - Lee Klein - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker (Only 4-time All-Echo selection)

2005
Offensive Player of the Year - Jaren Bowser - Pass Christian - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Trevor Adam - Bay High - Linebacker

2006
Offensive Player of the Year - Eric Lichtenstein - Saint Stanislaus - Running Back/Wide Receiver
Defensive Player of the Year - Jeremy Bell - Bay High - Defensive Line

2007
Offensive Player of the Year - Dylan Favre - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback (Only 3-time POY winner)
Defensive Player of the Year - Brently Necaise - Hancock - Linebacker

2008
Offensive Player of the Year - Dylan Favre - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Tyler Hughes - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2009
Offensive Player of the Year - Dylan Favre - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback (SSC wins Class

4A state title, Favre is O-D Sports National POY & Mississippi's Mr. Football)
Defensive Player of the Year - Chris Bermond - Hancock - Linebacker

2010
Offensive Player of the Year - Kollin Cannon - Saint Stanislaus - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Brice Thomas - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2011
Offensive Co-Player of the Year - Tyrone Williams - Hancock - Wide Receiver
Offensive Co-Player of the Year - Bennett Rimmer - Saint Stanislaus - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Phalen Booker - Bay High - Defensive Line

2012
Offensive Player of the Year - Justus Williams - Bay High - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Phalen Booker - Bay High - Defensive Line

2013
Offensive Player of the Year - Tyler Allen - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback (4A state O-POY)
Defensive Player of the Year - Joe Guillot - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2014
Offensive Co-Player of the Year - Myles Brennan - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback (All-American QB)
Offensive Co-Player of the Year - Chase Fagan - Hancock - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Jordan Bradford - Saint Stanislaus - Defensive Line

2015
Offensive Player of the Year - Chase Rogers - Saint Stanislaus - Tight End (All-American)
Defensive Player of the Year - Mitchell Walk - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2016
Offensive Player of the Year - Myles Brennan - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback (All-American Punter)
Defensive Player of the Year - Ricky Schaefer -

Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2017
Offensive Player of the Year - Jacob Greer - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Trenton Ladner - Hancock - Linebacker

2018
Offensive Player of the Year - Blake Comeaux - Hancock - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Lee Negrotto - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2019
Offensive Player of the Year - Dustin Allison - Pass Christian - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Reese Gorman - Pass Christian - Linebacker

2020
Offensive Player of the Year - Noah Cutter - Bay High - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Blake Bilich - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2021
Offensive Player of the Year - Noah Cutter - Bay High - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Ryan Tyler - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

2022
Offensive Player of the Year - Chandler Chapman - Saint Stanislaus - Running Back
Defensive Player of the Year - Malik Cherry - Pass Christian - Defensive Line

2023
Offensive Player of the Year - Ian Rioz - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Jeffrey Hopgood - Hancock - Linebacker

2024
Offensive Player of the Year - Kaison Koennen - Hancock - Quarterback
Defensive Player of the Year - Andrew Whitney - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker

Some individuals have earned multiple Player of the Year honors such as SSC quarterback Dylan Favre who is the only three-time Player of the Year honoree following an All-American

high school career that saw him lead the nation in 2009 in passing yards, touchdown passes, touchdown responsibility, and set multiple state records as the Rocks went on to win the Class 4A state title becoming the only area football team to accomplish the task.

Myles Brennan, SSC quarterback (2014-16), also was a multiple POY winner who ended up breaking all of Favre's passing records except for the single game passing mark. Brennan was a three-time All-American and was the first sophomore in the nation's history to throw for more than 5,000 yards in a season. He also became the state's first Elite 11 quarterback in 2016, long before Deuce Knight of George County. One overlooked fact about Brennan was that he was a first-team All-American punter his senior year at SSC.

Phalen Booker and Noah Cutter of Bay High also won multiple POY honors. Cutter was a two-time winner at running back and gained over 3,000 yards rushing in his career as a Tiger. Booker was a two-time winner on the defensive line where he bulldozed his way through opposing lines to gather almost 200 tackles as a lineman. Lee Klein, SSC linebacker (2001-04), is the only four-time first-team selection and finished his career with 499 total tackles before signing with Air Force.

This writer's attempt at a 25-year All-Sea Coast Echo football team will probably satisfy some and anger others; however, as a sportswriter the goal is to provoke thought among the readers. A reader does not have to agree with one's writings as it is designed to compel discussion. So, here is my 25-year All-Sea Coast Echo football team and let the discussion begin:

Offense
Dylan Favre - Saint Stanislaus - Quarterback
J.C. Brignone - Saint Stanislaus - Offensive Line

Ziron Brown - Bay High - Offensive Line
Christian Sapp - Hancock - Offensive Line
Ryan Gipson - Saint Stanislaus - Offensive Line
Brooks Martinez - Bay High - Offensive Line
Chase Rogers - Saint Stanislaus - Tight End
Tyrone Williams - Hancock - Wide Receiver
Krisjon Wilkerson - Saint Stanislaus - Wide Receiver
Chandler Chapman - Saint Stanislaus - Running Back
Noah Cutter - Bay High - Running Back
Chris Goff - Hancock - Running Back
Kalvin Woods - Pass Christian - All-Purpose Player
Evan Noel - Saint Stanislaus - Placekicker

Defense
Jordan Bradford - Saint Stanislaus - Defensive Line
Matt Rayborn - Hancock - Defensive Line
Jeremy Bell - Bay High - Defensive Line
Frederick Mallini - Saint Stanislaus - Defensive Line
Lee Klein - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker
Adam Barrett - Bay High - Linebacker
Boomer Scarborough - Saint Stanislaus - Linebacker
Trenton Ladner - Hancock - Linebacker
Jacob Lindgren - Saint Stanislaus - Defensive Back
Carson Moran - Bay High - Defensive Back
Chase Fagan - Hancock - Defensive Back
Mitchell Walk - Saint Stanislaus - All-Purpose Player
Xavian Chamberlain - Pass Christian - Return Specialist
Myles Brennan - Saint Stanislaus - Punter

The area has the talent level to stand toe-to-toe with larger demographics as we have sent multiple players to the next level and beyond. Over the course of the last 25 years, the area has seen outstanding teams and stellar performances from individuals. Here's to the next 25 years!

ROCKS TOP HAWKS, LADY HAWKS STING LADY YELLOW JACKETS ON THE HARDWOOD

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The high school basketball season was witness to some awesome competition on the courts the last two weeks as teams throttled down for the holiday break. The Lady Hawks of Hancock topped a previously undefeated St. Martin squad while the Rocks tangled with PRC and the Bay High Tigers hosted their annual Christmas Tournament.

Bay High Tigers

The Tigers hosted their Christmas Tournament on December 27-28. The Tigers beat the Long Beach Bearcats on the first day 45-41 after being behind 21-19 at intermission. Jaxen Meranto and Anthony Robinson each scored 14 points to pace the Tigers while Clark Ball added 8 points. Andre Windham led Long Beach with 24 points.

In the Lady Tigers' first

game, they suffocated the CCA Bulldogs 48-9 after jumping out to a 27-0 lead in the first period. Asiah Thompson scored 15 followed by Lakeitha Sampson with 9 points to pace Bay High. Emma Britt led CCA with 5 points.

In other action on the first day, Gautier beat St. Patrick 55-34 as Tristan Street led Gautier with 18 points and Brendan Moton paced St. Patrick with 13 points. The Lady Irish of St. Patrick

beat Long Beach 32-27 Paityn Langley scored 12 points for the Lady Bearcats and Alex Patino and Natalie Gordon each scored 10 points for St. Patrick. The Picayune Lady Maroon Tide dropped Gautier 58-24 as Rhyen Goss scored 17 and Laikyn Moore had 11 for Picayune and Victoria Moore led Gautier with 10 points. In the finale, the Daphne Trojans beat CCA of Gulfport 76-36 as Antoine Sledge scored

21 points and Cheriez Gardner had 10 points. CCA was led by Thai Garcia and Tahj Hill with 8 points each.

On the second day of the tournament, the Lady Tigers (12-5) of Bay High beat Picayune 54-36 following a fourth period surge that broke open a close game. Emmalee Coote scored 18 points followed by Thompson with 12, Sampson with 10, and Lakyn Favre had 9 points. Goss led Pica-

yune with 16 points. Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson stated, "Coach Goss has done a tremendous job with the Picayune program. She has transformed the culture there. We were able to see a couple of openings in film that we were fortunate to attack. Emmalee Coote performed well in the post along with Asiah Thompson

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and Lakeitha Sampson.”

The Tigers (9-9) beat CCA 52-50 after being behind the majority of the game. Anthony Robinson scored 23 points to lead all scorers and Meranto his three big three-pointers for the Tigers. Hill led CCA with 16 points followed by Noah Davis with 15 points.

In other action on day two, Long Beach beat St. Patrick 50-47 behind Windham’s 27 points. Moton paced St. Patrick with 21 points. The Lady Bearcats beat Gautier 33-19 after Long Beach held Gautier scoreless in the third period. Langley led Long Beach with 13 points followed by Tori Washington with 11 points.

The Lady Irish of St. Patrick topped CCA of Gulfport 44-9 behind Meredith Eleuterius’ 15 points. Daphne beat Gautier in the nightcap 65-44 as Javian Daley poured in 26 points. Jayden Banks led Gautier with 13 points.

The Tigers sent the Hornets of Poplarville packing with a 61-19 victory and 25 points from Anthony Robinson. Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson stated, “It is always good to get a division win. I was

proud of the effort from the players rebounding from a tough loss to Saint Stanislaus the previous week to come out and play hard. I thought we played solid basketball in all three phases of the game.”

On Friday, the Tigers beat Pearl River Central 48-45 but game details were not available.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 23-4 advantage in the first half against the Lady Hornets to surge to a 48-20 victory to open their division schedule. Lady Tigers head coach Kelton Thompson commented, “I thought the girls played very well with Emmalee Coote being out of the lineup. Lakeitha Sampson stepped up and took on a leadership role on the court tonight. We need to keep seeing the effort we saw tonight each time we take the court.”

Sampson led all scorers with 26 points followed by Lakyn Favre with 7 points.

The Lady Tigers beat Pearl River Central on Friday 48-22 but game details were not available.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Lady Hawks beat Canton 62-32 in a holiday tournament in Jackson and dropped their game with Madison Central 41-36 to fall to 15-2 on the season.

The Hawks lost to Lake

Cormorant 68-33 but rebounded to beat Center Hill 45-35 to improve to 7-10 overall on the season.

The Lady Hawks fell from the ranks of the undefeated on Tuesday, December 17 with a stinging 41-24 loss to Biloxi. Catelyn Ladner and Cambria Necaise both scored 5 points to lead Hancock.

The Lady Hawks rebounded with a solid 45-38 victory over St. Martin that knocked the Lady Yellow Jackets from the ranks of the undefeated.

Hancock jumped out to a slim 15-12 lead after the first period and extended their lead to 29-23 by halftime on the play from Necaise and Talana Bond in the period.

Bond stayed hot in the third period scoring five points as the Lady Hawks maintained the pressure throughout the second half to secure the win.

Hancock head coach Jamie Sisco commented, “I thought our toughness and rebounding carried us across the finish line tonight. In the first half, it seemed like we were doing what we wanted to do on offense and just hit a wall in the second half. Right now we are struggling with the turnover battle and we need to find a way to fix that in practice as we head into the division schedule.”

started the season with no chemistry with the team. He is beginning to look like what his potential can be now that he is beginning to find a groove. Alan Gilliam and Max Baria have taken over a leadership role that was given to them. Our defensive effort is increasing each game and we need that to continue as we begin our division schedule against what was the best division in 3A basketball last year.”

Alan Gilliam led the Rocks with 23 points followed by Macias with 12 points.

Hancock head coach Connor Entriiken stated, “We talk about competing and playing hard each day and the difference between the two. Tonight, Saint Stanislaus did both as Daniel Grieves’ team outplayed us and executed. Their discipline and execution showed and ours did not. We are a team with a high ceiling but we can also be our own worst enemy. We have to find our team identity as we begin our division play, get back to basics, and play Hancock basketball.”

Malachi Lightell led the Hawks with 14 points followed by Kaison Koennen and Donte Taylor with 9 points each.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks improved to 9-5 overall with a win over PRC last week. The Rocks jumped out to a 10-7 lead in the first period and extended that lead to 23-15 by halftime en route to a 57-40 victory.

Carter Macias scored 15 points to lead a trio of double-digit scorers for the Rocks. Max Baria added 14 points and Jason Forte added 12 points.

SSC head coach Daniel Grieves commented, “PRC has a set for just about every situation so when you play them you have to be ready for them. They are in every game they play because of the variety of their sets. We told the team that basketball is a game of runs. We just need to have our runs last a little longer than the opponent. We are at the same win total as last year at the same time of the year. We have to focus on one game at a time as we take on the division schedule when we return to school in January.”

OUR LADY ACADEMY

The Crescents beat Pass Christian last week 60-42 and will be off the court during the holiday break.

LADNER AND GOLDEN EAGLES FALL VICTIM TO #19 OLE MISS 77-46 IN COAST COLISEUM

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles and former SSC head coach Jay Ladner made a short trip to Biloxi and the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on Saturday, December 14, only to fall victim to the 16th ranked Ole Miss Rebels 77-46. USM entered the game with just nine scholarship players due to injuries.

Defense was the name of the game for the Rebels (9-1) as they helped head coach Chris Beard collect his 200th victory. The Rebels forced the Golden Eagles (4-6) deep into the shot clock on most possessions with the stifling defense in the first half. Sean Pedulla sank five three-pointers in the first

up by 25 points.

USM managed to slow the Rebels’ roll a bit when Cobie Montgomery sank a three-pointer to ignite a 7-0 run by the Golden Eagles. However, the Rebels answered with another 16-4 run.

In the game, the Rebels shot 45% from the floor and 41% from beyond the arc while the Golden Eagles managed 33% and 7%, respectively.

Ole Miss head coach Chris Beard commented, “First and foremost, kudos to Jay Ladner and the Golden Eagles. They played one heck of a game being down some players to injury. They fought hard. Jay and I have known each other a long time. I thought both squads were well represented today in the Coliseum. Fans from

had a run in the second half that put some pressure on us but we were able to play inside out on defense and get some baskets off of that. We hope to get Matt Murrell back as the SEC schedule nears which will help our depth. We hope we are able to continue this game each year because it makes sense for the state of Mississippi, basketball, and the fans.”

The Rebels were led by Pedulla with 18 points followed by Murray with 14 and Jaemyn Brakefield with 11 points.

USM head coach Jay Ladner stated, “Coach Beard is a terrific coach and his guys were ready to play today. They showed their range early in the first half and shot the ball very well. We were able to make a run in the first half to get the difference down to seven points only to have them hit a three-pointer as the first half closed to go up 10 at halftime. I am not sure what happened to start the second half. To have five straight turnovers all convert to easy baskets is a tough thing to overcome. We knew with our injury situation and depth that we had to play a certain way to be competitive with them. They are a big team inside and they were able to use that. We had a good crowd today for both schools. The Coliseum is a beautiful facility to host this game. Coach Beard and I have been friends for quite some time. I hope we are able to continue this game and do what is right for basketball in Mississippi. There is a lot to learn from this for us. This game will help us in our conference play because none of the squads we play will look like Ole Miss looks. The start to the second half is what hurt most but our guys hustled their tails off. We hope to get

some guys back from injury soon as we begin to enter conference play and that will help shore up some of our depth concerns.”

The Golden Eagles were led by Denijay Harris with 16 points and 7 rebounds.

USM opens conference play against Marshall on Saturday at Reed Green Coliseum while the Rebels host Queens on Saturday.



PHOTO BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Former Saint Stanislaus head coach and current Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles head coach Jay Ladner (left) and Denijay Harris speak at the USM press conference following their game against the Ole Miss Rebels in Biloxi on Saturday. The 19th-ranked Rebels beat the Golden Eagles 77-46.

half to pace the Rebels as Ole Miss swished 13 balls from beyond the arc in the game.

USM was down just seven points as the teams were heading towards intermission only to have the Rebels’ Jaylen Murray swish a deep ball that gave the Rebels a 38-28 advantage at the break.

To start the second half, USM turned the ball over on five straight possessions that Ole Miss turned into easy baskets. Ole Miss opened the second half on a 16-1 run that put the Rebels

both schools came out in support and we certainly appreciate that. This game makes a lot of sense to play because both schools have such a strong presence down here on the Coast. And, the Coast is a place that is special to me having spent some time down here when my father was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base. It is always a place we like to come visit and spend some time. I thought we did some good things today. Sean was very effective early nailing some deep shots. USM

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SCHEDULE



➤ THURSDAY 1-2-25

- Basketball: Hancock at Gulfport, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock vs Vancleave, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Soccer: OLA vs Gulfport, 5:30 p.m.
- Soccer: Saint Stanislaus at Gulfport, 7 p.m.

➤ FRIDAY 1-3-25

- Basketball: Bay High at Greene County, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: OLA at West Marion, 6 p.m.
- Basketball: Saint Stanislaus at West Marion, 7:30 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock vs D'Iberville, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High at St. Patrick, 7 p.m.

➤ SATURDAY 1-4-25

- Basketball: Saint Stanislaus at West Harrison, 7 p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High (boys/girls) at I-10/I-20 Tournament, TBD.
- Soccer: OLA at I-10/I-20 Tournament, TBD.

➤ MONDAY 1-6-25

- Basketball: Bay High at Resurrection, 6 p.m.

➤ TUESDAY 1-7-25

- Basketball: Hancock vs Long Beach, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: OLA vs Perry Central, 5:30 p.m.
- Basketball: Saint Stanislaus vs Perry Central, 7 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock vs Long Beach, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: OLA vs Bay High, 5:30 p.m.
- Soccer: Saint Stanislaus vs Bay High, 7 p.m.



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